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'Israel failed to act on Lithuanian Nazis'

DAVID MAKOVSKY

BUREAUCRATIC bungling has led to Israel's doing nothing to probe the Lithuanian government's wholesale exoneration of dozens, maybe hundreds, of Lithuanians convicted by Soviet courts of Holocaust-related crimes, including those who confessed to murder, a member of the panel assigned to look into the matter charged yesterday.

"I am embarrassed that the Israeli government has not done what is necessary to enable us to begin our work. It is obviously not a priority," said Ephraim Zuroff, Israel director of the Simon Weisenthal Center. "There is an obligation to see to it that those who murder Jews pay for their crimes, or at least are not rehabilitated."

The Justice and Foreign ministries blame each other for the mess. It took eight months for such a panel to be named after a Knesset-appointed delegation obtained Lithuanian consent for a joint Israeli-Lithuanian commission, but no funding has been provided, so the panel has not been able to begin its investigative work.

More than a year has passed since the Lithuanian authorities agreed to establish the joint commission to investigate whether people involved in Nazi mass murder were on a list of an estimated 35,000 people Vilnius absolved of criminality three years ago.

The Lithuanian rehabilitation law, passed more than four years ago, said there would be no vindication for those involved in genocide. However, instead of turning the preparation of such a list over to an impartial or judicial panel, the government issued broad exonerations, insisting that Soviet courts had unfairly convicted Lithuanians as Nazi collaborators or

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PLO leader Yasser Arafat presents Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin with an ancient Torah scroll from Yemen yesterday. (AP)

Rabin, Arafat agree to begin Cairo talks on Palestinian elections Monday

JON IMMANUEL

PRELIMINARY talks on Palestinian elections and the redeployment of IDF forces in the territories will begin Monday in Cairo, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat agreed yesterday.

"Elections and everything that can be deduced from holding them" will be discussed, Rabin said at a joint press conference. According to the Declaration of Principles this includes withdrawal of troops from Palestinian population centers.

Rabin and Arafat also agreed to convene the Joint Security Committee to resolve the outstanding issues concerning the safe passages between Gaza and Jericho and release of prisoners, Rabin said.

About 5,000 Palestinians remain in jail.

The meeting at the joint liaison offices near the Erez checkpoint was divided into two parts, with Arafat and Rabin meeting for close to one hour alone, and then together with their accompanying delegations. Participants in the broader discussion described the atmosphere as far better than in their previous meeting last month. Yet Rabin continued to hammer away at the need for the Palestinian Police to work harder at catching those who attack Israelis.

"The difference was like day and night," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid. He attributed this to "recognition by both sides that success requires a better atmosphere." The private meeting, the contents of which were not revealed, may also have contributed to the better atmosphere.

Since their previous meeting a month ago, planned attacks by Jews against Arabsas well as attacks by Arabs against Jews has become an issue, and this changed the tone of Rabin's approach to the subject of security.

Rabin approached the problem of terror attacks as a mutual issue and not one for which only Palestinians are responsible. In their joint press conference, Rabin said: "Each side will make the maximum effort to reduce and to fight these phenomena." He did not distinguish between Israel's success in thwarting attacks and Palestinian failure to apprehend terror gangs.

Arafat made at least as strong a statement against terror in Arabic as he did in English. Referring to yesterday's attack on a youth in Neveh Dekalim, he said: "I consider this is a terror attack. This is violence against not only the Israeli side, but it also hurts the Palestinian side and I will use all means to prevent its repetition."

According to Rabin's media adviser Oded Ben-Ami, Arafat never previously used the phrase, "it also hurts Palestinians," in this context.

The statement could have been taken as a warning to Hamas, but earlier an aide handed Arafat a note which he read out saying, "Hamas has made a statement saying it was not responsible for the attack this morning."

"We don't accept this," Rabin's media adviser Oded Ben-Ami said later. He said Rabin's position is that Hamas was responsible because of a Hamas leaflet claiming responsibility found in the pocket of the slain attacker.

Rabin emphasized that elections, which the Palestinians had set for early November, could not be fixed unilaterally. "It has to be the consequence of negotiations ... Israel's position is for elections ... But before elections are to take place, we have to know what will be elected, what will be the spheres of responsibility of the elected body, the question of redeployment."

In answer to questions Arafat, stuck to the November 1 election target date set at a Palestinian Authority meeting nine days ago. However, he appeared to be talking wistfully when he said: "We hope. We are preparing everything from now."

Arafat presented Rabin with an ancient Torah scroll from Yemen which had come into the PLO's possession. Rabin thanked him for the gift.

About 30 settlers demonstrated outside the Erez checkpoint during the meeting, accusing Rabin of making peace at the expense of their lives.

Bank of Israel raises interest rates by 1.5%

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Bank of Israel yesterday surprised everyone with its decision to raise interest rates by 1.5 percent on Thursday, upping the ante in its battle against inflation. The TASE fell sharply on the news, with the broad Two-Sided Index falling by 2.8%, and the narrower Maof slipping by 2.7%.

The Histadrut, Manufacturers Association, and Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish all attacked the move, but Danny Gillerman, president of the Israeli Chambers of Commerce, said the Bank of Israel is the only institution trying to deal with the problem of accelerated inflation.

The move follows a similar hike last month, which was preceded by seven 0.5% increases since November. The previous hikes failed to dampen inflation.

As of Thursday, the Bank of Israel will charge commercial banks 15.5% on their daily loans, instead of the current 14%.

The increase will be passed on to the banks' customers as of Friday, the commercial banks announced yesterday. Customers will pay more for their overdrafts and other loans and will receive higher interest payments on their deposits.

The interest rate hike was necessary in order to bring down inflation to a level consistent with the government's 1995 inflation goal ranging between 8% and 11%, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel told journalists in Tel Aviv.

"It will be very serious if we fail to bring down inflation to the declared goal, since it will really undermine the credibility of the government's economic policy," he said.

Frenkel called the tremendous growth in private consumption the main culprit behind this year's rising inflation. Although, most economic forecasts estimated that private consumption would grow by 6%, it has expanded by 11.5%, he said. As a result, the deficit in the balance of payments has worsened to $2.9 billion, instead of the originally estimated $1.7b.

Frenkel enumerated several factors that led him to push rates up significantly. He noted the record trade deficit registered last month, and an 8% jump in retail sales. In addition, inflation has been running at an annual rate of 14.5% since the beginning of the year, while the interest rate the central bank charges commercial banks stands at 14%, resulting in negative real interest rates. This, he said, does not help curb

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Gamla hunger striker collapses

DAVID RUDGE

HUNGER-STRIKING Golan activist Sami Bar-Lev was rushed to the hospital yesterday after collapsing at the protest tent at Gamla on the Golan Heights.

In Jerusalem, Labor MK Avigdor Kahalani told a protest rally that "Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has been pulled to the left and we need to return him to his original positions."

Kahalani arrived at the rally for preserving Israeli control over the Golan Heights on a direct flight from Gamla, where he is staying with the hunger strikers.

At Gamla, Bar-Lev, head of Katzrin local council, who has been on a hunger strike with other Golan activists for 15 days, was taken out on a stretcher to a waiting ambulance and rushed to Poriya Hospital near Tiberias.

He felt ill during a meeting yesterday morning with MKs from several parties, including Labor, who visited the hunger strikers at the Gamla protest site.

Uri Heitner, another of the hunger strikers, said Bar-Lev had been checked by a doctor immediately after complaining of feeling ill and because of his weakened state it was decided to take him immediately to the hospital.

Nevertheless, Heitner said the remaining hunger strikers were determined to continue their action until Rabin declared publicly that he would hold an immediate referendum on the Golan's future.

Heitner said several of the older hunger strikers, including veteran Laborite Yehuda Harel, from Kibbutz Merom Golan, was showing signs of weakness and a cardiologist had been called in as well as a general practitioner to check the condition of all hunger strikers on a regular basis.

"As far as the younger hunger strikers are concerned, including myself, we feel fine despite gener-

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Arab killed by IDF after stabbing teenager

AN Arab youth from Khan Yunis penetrated the perimeter fence of nearby Nevch Dekaim yesterday morning, then waylaid and stabbed Ya'acov Fisher, 17, who was on his way out of the settlement.

Soldiers spotted the attacker, later identified as Mustafa Hila, as he was running toward the main gate after the stabbing. They opened fire and killed him, the IDF said.

Two knives and a Hamas leaflet taking responsibility for the attack were found on his body.

Fisher was reported in stable condition with moderate wounds at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba last night. Prof. Shaul Sofer, head of the intensive care unit, said he underwent surgery to repair eight stab wounds in his neck and his back. He will need to be hospitalized for only a few days, Sofer said.

JON IMMANUEL

Hila apparently got under the fence, which is built on soft sand, at about 4 a.m. and hid. He then saw a bicycle, which he rode around the settlement in search of a victim. At 7, he saw Fisher, rode toward him, jumped off the bicycle, rushed at him, and stabbed him several times in the back causing moderate injuries, the IDF said.

"I was on my way to buy a new pair of glasses in Beersheba, when I saw the Arab," Fisher said. "My mother, who was going with me, said he looked suspicious. She was certainly right. He ran toward me and started stabbing me in the back. I couldn't fight him off; he had a big knife and he stabbed."

The attack coincided with the meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza yesterday. During a press conference after the meeting Arafat denounced all "terror attacks," then read a note passed to him saying Hamas denied any responsibility.

Hamas made no further announcement, neither claiming responsibility for the attack nor denying it.

Judy Siegel and Amir Rozenblit contributed to this report.

Biran fed up with 'fringe settlers'

OC CENTRAL Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran warned yesterday the army would not tolerate the "small, fringe group" of settlers he said had unfairly given a bad name to the entire Jewish population of Judea and Samaria.

Administrative detentions and orders restricting the movement of those few settlers suspected of violent and provocative activity may be used, Biran added while briefing reporters.

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"I want to emphasize that the majority of the [Jewish] population [in the territories] is law-abiding," Biran said. "But there is still a small, fringe part of the population that must be dealt with toughly," he added.

He also strongly denied allegations that political considerations guided the army's treatment of settlers.

"Three weeks ago it was a group from the left-wing (not allowed to enter Hebron by the army), that called us political. Now it the right-wing. Next week it will be someone in the center," Biran said.

He was visibly angry over the confrontation Thursday between settlers and soldiers at the Machpela Cave.

He said that an internal investigation showed the soldiers acted properly and only used force when necessary.

"To my sorrow, a small fringe group used physical and verbal violence against the soldiers and the border policemen," he said. Twenty settlers were detained during Thursday night's confrontation.

Bir... said the name-calling occurred in other instances, and while not widespread, it was demoralizing for soldiers trying to do their duty.

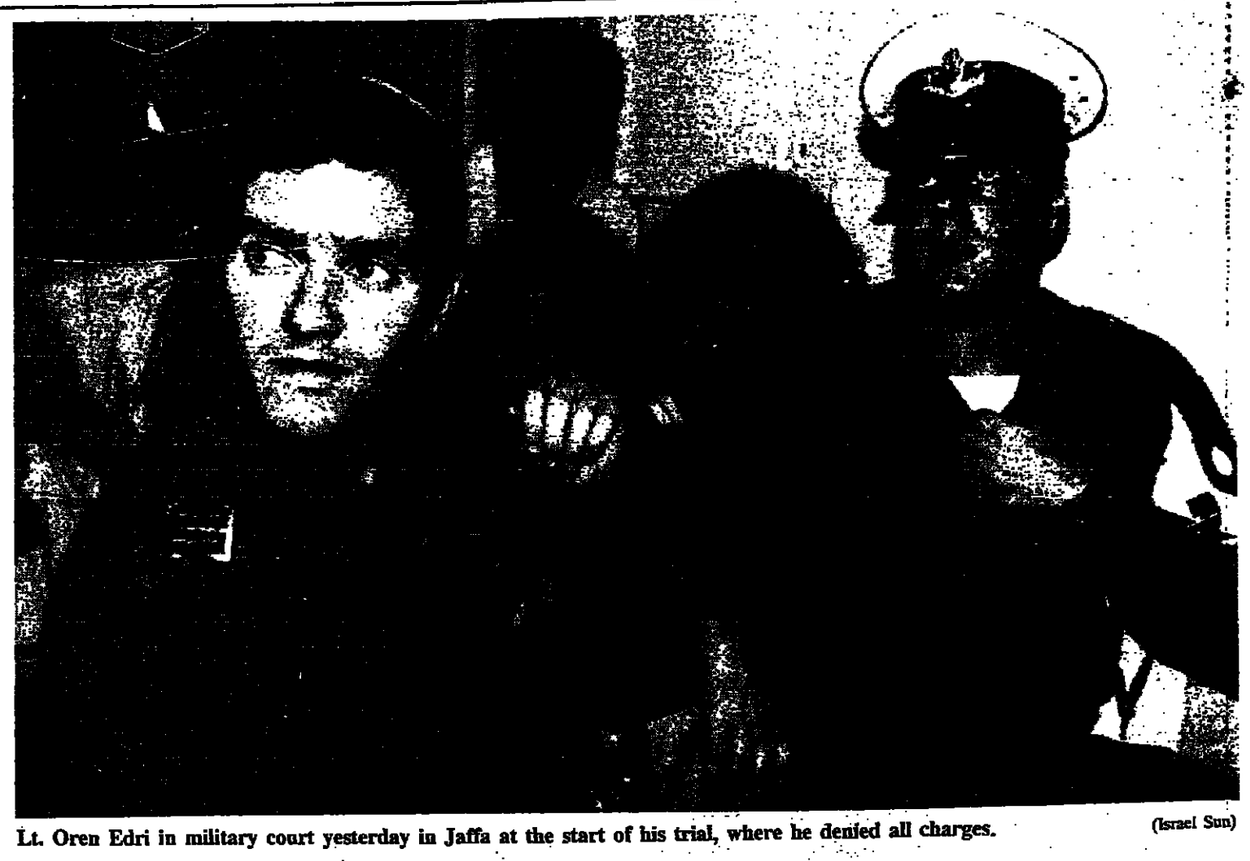
Biran met with senior army officers in Hebron yesterday morning to again review Thursday's confrontation and decide on what steps to take to prevent such incidents.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Skal Club, Tel Aviv will meet on Thursday, September 29 at the Sheraton Tel Aviv at 1 p.m. Guest Speaker: Ariel Sharon, MK.

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, seven of hearts, ace of diamonds, and king of clubs.



Lt. Oren Edri in military court yesterday in Jaffa at the start of his trial, where he denied all charges. (Israel Sun)

Edri pleads not guilty as trial begins

LT. OREN Edri yesterday pled not guilty at the opening of his trial in Central Command Military Court in Jaffa.

Edri is charged with stealing IDF arms for a Jewish terrorist cell, illegally training civilians, divulging military information to civilians, and conduct unbecoming an officer.

Court President Col. Mordechai Peled first read out the charges to Edri. Edri's lawyer, Zion Amir, complained about their general nature, and the immunity certificate issued to prevent the identification of General Security Service interrogators.

Amir asked the prosecution to specify the facts contained in the indictment so he could properly defend his client. He also asked to be shown all information gathered since the beginning of the investigation, both regarding his own client and others accused in the case.

"I think this is a very significant claim, and the trial cannot begin until we have all the evidence," he said.

Amir said the immunity certificates served no important purpose and hurt his client. "There are many things that need to be checked regarding the interrogators, and if we don't know who they are, we cannot question witnesses," he said.

Prosecutor Lt.-Col. Avi Levy argued that the GSS would be hard-pressed to ask for a recreation of the interrogation diaries detailing every item in the interrogation, which had never been filled out by the investigators.

However, Judges Col. Zvi Gurfinkel, Lt.-Col. Ya'acov Ben-Simhon, and Peled ruled that the recreated diaries and all the information from the interrogation of the other suspects in the case be turned over to Amir "so he can finalize the line of defense he plans to take."

The trial will continue on October 11, when Ya'acov Ben-David will testify. (Itim)

Barak: IDF will abandon no Israeli

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE IDF will not abandon any Israeli, nor leave any area until a responsible authority replaces it, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak said yesterday.

He also expressed dissatisfaction at the way the Palestinian Police handles matters in the area of concern, especially after attacks on Israelis.

He added that the army had received no instructions about a withdrawal from the Golan Heights, but said that should the possibility become more concrete, the matter would be discussed.

Police want to charge Rajoub's bodyguards with kidnapping

THE police have recommended that charges be filed against three bodyguards of Palestinian Security Service chief Jibril Rajoub for kidnapping Palestinian TV head Samih Samara, a senior police source said yesterday.

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The investigation into the three, detained two weeks ago, was completed at the end of last week. Yesterday, the case was turned over to the State Attorney's Office, the source said.

"We recommended that the three be charged for kidnapping Samara. Now it is for the state attorney to decide what to do," the source said.

The bodyguards are suspected of forcibly taking Samara, suspected of "immoral activity," to Jericho for interrogation at Palestinian Security Service headquarters.

Rajoub has demanded the three be released, saying they are innocent and that their detention was a violation of the PLO-Israel agreement.

Both Rajoub and Samara categorically denied the kidnapping ever took place. Rajoub said Samara showed up for interrogation of his own free will at the security service's request.

The recommendation that Rajoub's bodyguards be charged came as OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran confirmed there is cooperation between the Israeli and Palestinian security services.

Speaking to reporters, he referred other questions on what the army is doing about the activities of armed agents of Rajoub in Judea and Samaria to the government, saying the matter is too sensitive for him to comment.

Under the terms of the Oslo agreement, Palestinian security activity is supposed to be confined to the autonomous areas of Jericho and Gaza.

In recent months, however, there have been numerous reports of Palestinian Security Service operations outside these areas, including in Jerusalem.

Marzel to be freed today

BILL HUTMAN

KACH leader Baruch Marzel, the last of the Jewish administrative detainees, is scheduled to be released from Sharon Prison this morning.

Marzel, who became Kach leader after the assassination of group founder Rabbi Meir Kahana, was among nine allegedly extremist and dangerous people imprisoned in the weeks following the Hebron massacre. Kach and its splinter group Kahana Hai were also outlawed by the government.

Marzel is expected to take part this evening in Simhat Torah celebrations outside the Machpela Cave, unless, as Kach activists suspect, he receives an order forbidding him to approach the site.

Marzel was quoted by a Kach spokesman as vowing to continue to work against the government once released, through other avenues than the outlawed Kach group.

Baram to meet with Egyptian, Jordanian counterparts

HAIM SHAPIRO

IN what is said to be the first such encounter, Tourism Minister Uzi Baram is to meet his counterparts from Egypt and Jordan on the Allenby Bridge on Wednesday.

The meeting is to take place as a result of the arrival to Israel by Egyptian Tourism Minister Mamduh Baltagi, following a visit to Jordan.

Baram is to greet Baltagi on the bridge at the same time that Jordanian Tourism Minister Mohammad Edwan bids farewell to his guest. The Israeli and Egyptian ministers are to discuss cooperation in tourist projects and the possibility of Egyptian tourists visiting Israel.

The Egyptian minister is responding to an invitation from Baram to visit Israel during this year, which has been declared the year of peace tourism. He is to remain in Israel for three days, during which time he is to visit the Moslem shrines on the Temple Mount and the Al-Jazzar Mosque in Acre.

In a related development, an Egyptian journalist said yesterday that Israel could expect an increase in the number of Egyptian visitors as a result of the fact that Egypt has eliminated restrictions for travel to Israel.

Correction

The Christian Arab speaker at the Feast of Tabernacles gathering denies that his comments were as reported in Friday's *Jerusalem Post* and says that his words were taken out of context and distorted. He says the he believes that Palestinian Christians and Moslems face the same problems, live under the same situation, and need to live together in peace and harmony. He also denies that he is associated with the Baptist Church at this time.

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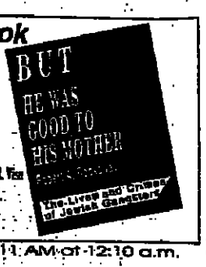
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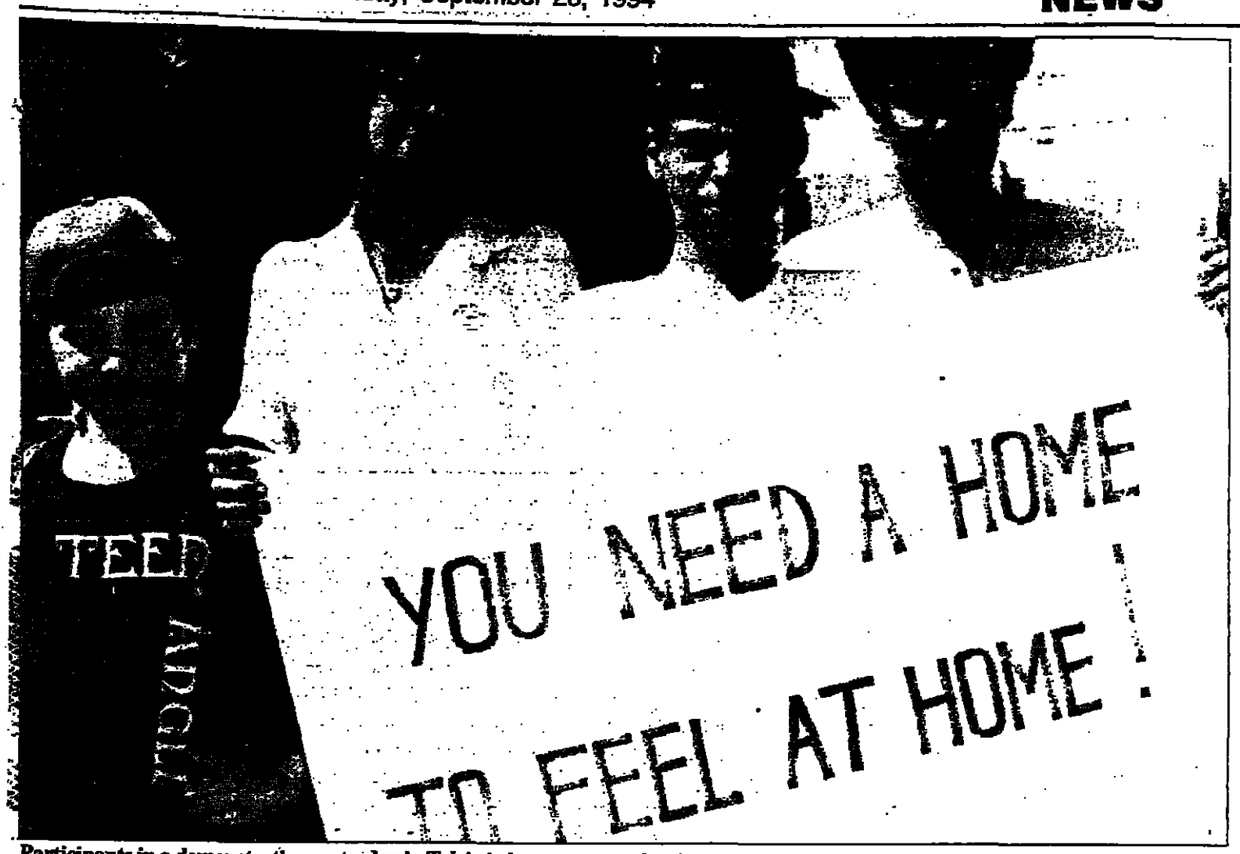
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Participants in a demonstration yesterday in Tel Aviv by one-parent families and other immigrants from the former Soviet Union press their demands for permanent housing. (Debbi Cooper)

Rabin fails to persuade Meretz to OK Shas deal

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday failed to persuade Meretz leaders to drop their opposition to a deal which would facilitate Shas's re-entry into the coalition. The fear in Labor now is that Shas might, temporarily at least, carry out its threat to actively join the opposition.

Meretz Knesset faction chairman Ran Cohen described the situation as "totally and hopelessly deadlocked" after Rabin refused to consider a compromise proposal by the Meretz moderates.

The proposal, put forth by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and vehemently opposed by Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni, agreed that Shas enter the coalition now, but that any future legislation on religious affairs be in effect subject to a Meretz veto.

The current controversy dates back two months, when Rabin agreed to a Shas demand that whenever it perceived a departure from the religious status quo, which it feared would be upheld by the High Court of Justice, it could oblige the government to pass legislation preempting any court interference in the matter.

But Meretz refused to go along and Rabin was unable to return Shas to his coalition throughout the summer.

With the rebellion of some Labor MKs over the Golan issue, Rabin has become more dependent on Shas, which last week issued an ultimatum, threatening to vote against the government on the Golan and become an active member of the opposition, unless he brought Meretz into line this week.

Meretz sources said Sarid was stunned that Rabin rejected a proposal which many in Meretz considered too conciliatory. Rabin reportedly told Sarid he has "absolutely no intention of going back to Shas with more counter-proposals and re-opening negotiations.

"It's a take it or leave it situation," he said. "If you care about peace, you must make sure that Shas gets into the coalition now, regardless of the price."

But this was not how all participants in the meeting viewed the issues.

Justice Minister David Liba'i argued after the meeting that "Shas is demanding a price which the rest of the public will have to pay – and for a very long time to come. This would constitute a gross warping of democracy and not just for the coming two years.

"This would not safeguard the status quo, as Shas claims, but alter it unrecognizably and dangerously for a very long time to come, in ways which most of the public is unlikely to be able to live with."

Labor's Knesset faction chairman Eli Dayan felt that what happened was "very sad. It might have been our last chance to expand the coalition, and I am afraid we fumbled that chance. There is a severe danger now that Shas will turn its back on us now and will join the opposition."

A source close to Rabin, however, argued that "not all is so bleak. There will be more contacts with Shas, and Rabin will seek to pressure Meretz by having Labor forums ratify his agreement with Shas."

Russian olim set up protest succa in capital to demand permanent housing

BATSHEVA TSUR

SEVERAL dozen desperate children, single women, elderly and disabled olim from the former Soviet Union last night set up a protest succa on the giant porch of the Zionist Forum in Jerusalem as part of a renewed struggle to obtain permanent housing.

Starting this morning until next week, the immigrants plan to send different delegations to maintain a vigil in the succa to draw attention to their plight. "There have been too many promises. Even on this festival, there are 50,000 immigrant families who have nowhere to celebrate the holiday," Zionist Forum head Natan Sharansky said. "The government's lack of interest in the olim is anti-Zionist," he added.

Protesters in 18 centers throughout the country kept a concurrent vigil yesterday, asking passersby to sign petitions of solidarity with the olim.

From outside the Tel Aviv Museum, where they gathered in the morning, the demonstrators marched through the streets to Derech Hashalom where they were taken by bus to Jerusalem, stopping five times en route to join the protest vigils. Passing motorists honked their horns in solidarity with the demonstrators.

"I am a typical example of the type of family that is demonstrating here today," said Lena Karlin, mother of a soldier and an activist in Amha, the single parents' organization.

"I am an engineer and would like to be employed but cannot get work because whoever looks at my ID card says I'm too old. This means I can't take a mortgage. We have moved to temporary housing four times so my two kids find it hard to settle down and make friends."

There are 21,000 single parent families among the olim who came to Israel since 1989, Absorption Ministry spokesperson Iris Rosenberg said last night, noting the scope and severity of the problem. In October 1993, the government began offering preferential conditions for mortgages and public housing to this sector, she said, and indeed the number of families that took advantage of the opportunities provided has increased by 175% from the original 200 per month.

The ministry, together with the Treasury and the Housing Ministry, recently extended the period during which such families are eligible for help from five to seven years, Rosenberg said. Absorption Ministry Yair Tzaban intends to present a plan for housing for single parent families to the ministerial committee for housing, headed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, she added.

The olim are planning a large rally in the Wohl Rose Garden opposite the Knesset when the house reconvenes on Monday, October 3 after the end of its summer recess.

'Davar' staff to submit bid for paper soon

MICHAL YUDELMAN

DAVAR'S journalists and a group of American investors intend to submit a proposal to purchase the newspaper to Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon within the next few days.

Meanwhile, Ramon's statements concerning the newspaper's "exorbitant" NIS 23 million severance pay agreement, which Ramon announced he had no intention of keeping, were false and misleading, *Davar* sources said. The highest severance pay, applicable to only a handful of the most senior journalists under in the 1988 work agreement, comes to 250 percent, not 300 percent as Ramon had stated.

New York attorney Leon Charney, who represents the potential investors who are financing the journalists' purchase proposal, confirmed that after analyzing the severance and pension agreements, "we found that the figures stated by Ramon were greatly inflated and the sum of NIS 23m. is completely exaggerated."

Charney said that the investors are negotiating with a major publishing house – although not one of the three major Hebrew newspapers – to use its press for the new *Davar*.

He noted that the investors were forced to delay their proposal to Ramon "because new data keeps cropping up. Last week, it was the list of *Davar's* assets, which for some reason we had not been advised of until now. Today, it's the severance pay figure which we were given wrong information about. Our attorneys are checking the data again and again to make sure of where we stand and in order to present a firm proposal."

Charney said that following a close scrutiny of *Davar's* situation, he finds it "perhaps difficult, but by no means desperate, as some people have taken pains to portray it."

He criticized Ramon's decision to close the newspaper and to insist on the October 31 deadline for the journalists' purchase bid, without knowing all the financial details and the real state of the paper.

"It would be a shame to throw 150 workers out onto the street on the basis of false information and a wrong assessment of the paper's situation," Charney said.

Labor may lose Reform backing if Shas demands met

HAIM SHAPIRO

REFORM leader Rabbi Alexander Schindler has warned Prime Minister Rabin that his movement will no longer generate support for the peace process among American Jewry if Rabin agrees to a Shas demand for legislation aimed against the Reform movement in Israel.

In a recent letter to Rabin, Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), said the Reform Movement has spearheaded supporting Rabin's peace initiative. Before the High Holy Days, Schindler said, the UAHC urged all its rabbis in over 850 synagogues to speak on the peace process. However Schindler warned such support could wane.

"For American Jewry and its relationship with Israel, the consequences of your agreeing to Shas's demands would be severe. It would diminish enthusiasm for the peace process, and make it very difficult for us in the Reform Movement to continue to be its primary advocate," Schindler said in his letter.

As the price for joining the coalition, Shas has demanded legislation that would circumvent the rulings on religious affairs of the High Court of Justice, a body in which the non-Orthodox have been particularly successful in their quest for recognition.

Rabin has agreed to the demand, but his Meretz partners in the coalition have not. Last week, Shas leader MK Aryeh Deri threatened that Shas would join the opposition on the Golan issue if Rabin did not remove Meretz's obstacles to the legislation.

According to Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Committee (IRAC), the movement is planning a campaign to galvanize American Jewry he predicts will match in intensity the furor surrounding the Who is a Jew issue, when virtually every major Jewish organization in America came out against an effort to amend the law.

Regev said that both the Reform and the Conservative movements in the US are pushing ahead with resolutions at the National Jewish Community Relations Advocacy Council (NJCRAC) calling for religious pluralism and marriage rights for their rabbis here. He said this was significant because NJCRAC is the one body which includes representatives of Orthodox and non-Orthodox bodies. The Orthodox groups have threatened to pull out of NCJRAC if such resolutions are passed.

Despite the threat from the proposed legislation, Regev said his movement is continuing to press for equal recognition through the High Court of Justice, which is now considering a petition to recognize Reform conversions carried out here as valid for the Law of Return, just as the court previously accepted the validity of non-Orthodox conversions carried out abroad.

He said that a growing number of non-Jews study for conversion under Reform auspices here and then go abroad for the actual conversion ceremony. There was also a growing number of Reform conversions abroad for infants adopted by Israeli couples, he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Truck rolls into hotel lobby

A large truck rolled down a hill and crashed into the lobby of Safed's David Hotel over the weekend. Luckily, no one was sitting in the lobby at the time. The truck finally came to a halt at the front desk without anyone being injured.

The driver, who is being questioned by police, said his brakes failed. *Itim*

Youth mark Succot in Moscow

Thousands of Jewish youth gathered in Moscow yesterday to celebrate *Simhat Beit Hasho'eva*. The crowd danced during the festivities, singing "Next Year in Jerusalem."

The road in front of Moscow's Great Synagogue was closed off in both directions. Police secured the area.

The event was organized by the Jewish Agency's delegation to Russia. Those attending the celebration included youth who attended agency summer camps this year and members of various youth movements. *Itim*

Bank robbed in Beersheba

Three men robbed a Bank Leumi branch in Beersheba early yesterday morning, escaping with an estimated NIS 30,000. Police set up roadblocks and launched a manhunt for the robbers, who threatened the tellers with weapons.

The robbery occurred at about 7:45 a.m. while the tellers where preparing the registers before the bank opened. *Itim*

Boy suspected of car break-ins

A 13-year-old boy is suspected of breaking into 24 cars in Acre, stealing car radios and other accessories. He confessed to the police that he had carried out the thefts together with a group of friends.

Police are trying to locate the boy's accomplices and the stolen property. *Itim*

Wife-beater fined NIS 500

A man who beat his wife and broke her nose was fined NIS 500 and given a 10-month suspended sentence by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The man, 35, beat his wife all over her body in July 1991 in their Holon home. Judge Nira Lidsky said she was not satisfied with only a suspended sentence. However, she noted that she did not want to disrupt the family life of the couple, who are still together. *Itim*

MEDAC forum to meet here for first time

MEDAC, the Medical Advisory Council and one of the most prestigious medical forums in the world, will meet for the first time in Israel this week. The two-day event opens on Wednesday morning at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

The conference will be attended by 40 top physicians and researchers from around the world. MEDAC was established by the pharmaceutical giant, Merck & Company Inc. in the US. Since 1973, MEDAC has been meeting annually in major capitals with the participation of doctors with international reputations.

Journalist files civil suit over wiretapping

JOURNALIST Yoav Yitzhak yesterday filed a NIS 200,000 civil suit against private investigators Ze'ev Laufer, Yair Madar, and Baruch Mor for damages caused by their tapping his phone during a period when he uncovered information regarding alleged financial wrongdoing by Clal officials.

Yitzhak claimed that the wiretapping seriously interfered with his ability to function as a journalist, endangering his ability to get information from sources, endangering those sources, and unveiling his reporting methods.

The suit also seeks to have the three reveal who ordered the wiretap, which he claims severely interfered with the public's right to know and freedom of expression.

In the suit, Yitzhak seeks to have the three and the management of Ze'evin Investigations, for whom they worked, pay him a nominal amount of NIS 200,000, reserving the right to increase that sum.

The suit clams that Yitzhak, who worked as an economic reporter covering matters related to the Clal company and its directors – at the time, Aharon Dovrat, Yitzhak Shrem, and Avi Tiomkin. It notes that the courts have already ruled that a journalist has the right to protect his sources.

Laufer, Madar, and Mor were convicted of tapping Yitzhak's phone during 1989, while Yitzhak was working on uncovering financial wrongdoing by the Clal officials. Their conviction, the suit states, is proof of what they did, which is why Yitzhak is now demanding compensation. The defense has not yet filed a brief. (Itim)

Two drivers killed in collision

HAIM SHAPIRO

TWO drivers were killed yesterday morning when their vehicles collided on the Nahariya-Ma'alot Road.

Police said the driver of a car suddenly veered out of her lane and crashed head-on into a truck. Both drivers were killed instantly and another passenger suffered light injuries.

In August, a total of 42 people were killed in road accidents, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday.

According to the Bureau, there were 1,669 accidents involving injuries, of which 41 were accidents with fatalities and 215 accidents in which the victims suffered serious injuries. A total of 2,929 people were injured.

For the first eight months of 1994, the bureau recorded 2,311 serious accidents in which there were deaths or serious injuries, with 2,516 injured and 362 people killed. In comparison, during the first eight months of 1993, there were 2,456 serious accidents, in which 2,755 were injured and 302 people were killed.

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Results indicate Swiss 'yes' in anti-racism law referendum

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RESULTS in a Swiss referendum on whether to introduce an anti-racism law pointed to likely acceptance by a narrow margin.

With results from 22 of the 26 cantons and half-cantons, 618,264 voters had said "Yes" to the law and 582,563 had said "No". Results were still awaited from the three most populous cantons of Zurich, Berne and Vaud, as well as from Graubuenden.

State television estimated the final result, due in early evening, would show 52.5 percent in favor of the legislation and 47.5 percent against.

There were strong regional differences between rural areas which tended to vote against the anti-racism law and towns which were more heavily in favor.

The biggest "No" came from the German-speaking canton of Schwyz where 62.0 percent of voters opposed the law. The largest "Yes" was in Geneva with 65.7 percent in favor.

The result was a big relief for the government, which had seen its advice ignored in four recent major referendums and feared another defeat would seriously damage its reputation at home and abroad.

Ministers were due to hold a news conference in Berne to give their reactions after final results expected in early evening.

The new law is based on a 1965 United Nations convention on racial discrimination already ratified by 137 countries. It was passed by the Swiss parliament in June 1993, causing anger among right-wing extremists.

They quickly collected the 50,000 signatures needed to force a referendum on the issue.

Campaigners for the law had feared voters would use the referendum to vent anger at the ruling coalition about its handling of the economy, the drugs scene, and the large number of foreigners in Switzerland.

Right-wing opponents of the law mounted a vigorous campaign, saying free speech was at stake. Their campaign linked the anti-racism law with the problem of foreigners seeking asylum in Switzerland and with the unpopular United Nations, which has several agencies based on Switzerland.

Switzerland does not have a spotless record on racial issues. In 1942, at the height of World War Two, the Swiss government sealed the frontier against Jews fleeing Nazi Germany saying they were not genuine political refugees.

Between 1926 and 1973, a government-sanctioned charity forcibly removed more than 700 gypsy children from their parents on the pretext of giving them a more stable upbringing.

In the last few years there have been sporadic attacks by extremist gangs on foreigners, usually asylum seekers from developing nations. Jewish cemetries have been desecrated.

Under existing Swiss law, racial discrimination can only be pursued by police if it involves another punishable offence, such as grievous bodily harm or arson.

The new law would make it an offence not just to discriminate against others on racial grounds or incite race hatred but also to deny proven acts of genocide, such as the Holocaust, and other crimes against humanity.

It would spell the end for racist propaganda sheets that are now produced in Switzerland and mailed abroad.

Offences against the law would be punishable with a fine of up to 40,000 Swiss francs ($31,130) or imprisonment of up to three years.
(Reuter)

Indian government claims Surat plague now under control

NEW DELHI (Reuter) – The Indian government said yesterday the nation no longer faced a plague epidemic as police in the infested city of Surat tracked down four diseased patients and hauled them back to a quarantine ward.

"There is going to be no large-scale outbreak," Health Secretary M.S. Dayal told a news conference in the capital.

Eight more people died in the western city of Surat, a diamond and artificial silk centre 270 km north of Bombay, raising the death toll to 44. Doctors said dozens of deaths in poorer areas of the city had not been reported.

A total of 407 cases were registered, up from 327 late on Saturday, but officials said the disease was under control.

"The number of pneumonic cases...is not increasing," Dayal said. "It is evidence the epidemic is not spreading."

Dayal said he was not alarmed that about 100 cases of suspected plague were emerging in Surat each day. "Had it been a continuing situation, it would have been in thousands by now."

The government's reassuring words came as an exodus of panic-stricken people from Surat subsided – more than 300,000 had fled – and 1,200 members of a medical "strike force" distributed 1.2 million tablets of tetracycline in infected Surat areas.

The antibiotic cures pneumonic plague which can destroy a victim's lungs and spreads through contaminated sputum.

India has been grappling with two plague outbreaks which erupted unexpectedly last week. Bubonic plague, less infectious than pneumonic, struck more than 90 people in Maharashtra state west of Bombay. There have been no reports of death there.

Experts said rats had multiplied in Maharashtra last year following an earthquake that killed more than 10,000 people, and had transmitted bubonic plague, or "Black Death", to fleas.

Officials said the bubonic outbreak was also under control.

Surat officials, widely criticised for mishandling the emergency, stepped up efforts to contain the disease.



A family wearing protective masks waits at the railway station for the first train out of Surat on Saturday, after more than 100 people died of pneumonic plague over the previous three days. (Reuter)

Two companies of Rapid Action Force paramilitary officers were deployed around Civil Hospital to prevent patients from leaving before being cured.

More than 100 infected patients, ignoring doctors' orders, had escaped from the hospital's isolation ward where more than 300 plague-stricken people were being treated.

Police sent out teams into infected neighbourhoods to track down the patients and forcibly brought back four of them to the quarantine unit, municipal authorities said.

K.V. Bhanujan, a senior state official, announced a probe to find who had allowed patients to leave.

The city offered a special wage premium of 50 rupees ($1.60) per day to lure municipal workers including health workers back to their jobs. Three out of four had abandoned their posts on Saturday, but 40 percent of them were at work yesterday.

Health workers set mounds of garbage and animal carcasses ablaze and sprayed disinfectant on stagnant pools of water.

There were reports of plague-related deaths outside of Surat but the government said they had not been confirmed.

"I will not be surprised if there are local outbreaks," said K.K. Datta, director of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases.

But officials at a central plague command post in Delhi said there were adequate antibiotic supplies to combat the disease and if people with symptoms – fever, cough, swollen lymph glands – consulted doctors, the sickness would not spread.

'Dechoukaj': A uniquely Haitian kind of mayhem

ANALYSIS
MORT ROSENBLUM

CAR rental contracts in Port-au-Prince add a clause about damage from *dechoukaj*, Haiti's word for its own brand of big-time mayhem. This is not an easy country to occupy.

Beneath the visible surface, currents swirl against each other in an undertow strong enough to turn a tropical paradise of hard-working people into a desperate, destitute wreck of a nation.

Implications are obvious for US commanders trying to move Haiti at gunpoint: The most limited goals are hard to achieve. One wrong move can turn a joyous welcome bitter overnight. And US troops could get mired in a dangerous long-term mission they are not now counting on.

President Clinton has promised not only to restore an elected president but also help him put Haiti back together again. That second part may prove more than difficult.

"Our view is that Haiti today is better off than it was yesterday, and yesterday was better off than it was a day before," embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager said at the first week's end.

But no sooner had US troops run up a flag over the military base at Port-au-Prince airport than political leaders hauled out the hated word – "occupation" – and warned of potential consequences.

Leslie Manigat, a former president who was close to the military but also held popular respect as a political economist, condemned a "national humiliation" in a manifesto.

"We must work to get them to go home," he wrote in the name of his small conservative party. To make his point, he recalled the blood gloriously shed during Haiti's independence struggle against France nearly two centuries ago.

Manigat was talking "dechoukaj." The term literally means to tear out crops by the roots. When Haitians oppose a regime, or an unwelcome presence, that is how they try to do it.

Long-time foreign residents, who know better than to be named when discussing politics, warn that it is not enough for the Americans' motives to be noble and well-explained.

"In Haiti, reality is invisible, and invisibility is real," one American scholar put it. Things here, he said, are as people choose to see them. He offered an unsettling example.

Before US forces landed, he said, loudspeakers in helicopters urged people to stay calm and do nothing. But his watchman swears he heard them incite mobs to arrest all "macoutes," quasi-official thugs.

Most of Haiti's 7 million people are jobless, poor if not penniless, and their quest for food leaves little time for politics. In 1990, they elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to change things. In 1991, he was overthrown.

An emerging middle class was squeezed to near-disappearance by a three-year trade embargo against the generals whom the Americans have come to evict.

A thin layer at the top commands immense wealth, from monopolies granted during 1957-86 Duvalier father-then-son dictatorship, or profiteering on the embargo, or legitimate enterprises. The rich, by and large, see Aristide as the devil.

And all of them are Haitian: proud descendants of slaves who ran off Napoleon or European immigrants who learned to live in a culture where little is as it seems.

All of this means perilous sailing for US commanders who must navigate among political and economic power blocs without inadvertently irking Ogoun Feraille, the warrior god.

Some declared aims seem simple: reopen Parliament and arrange safe passage home for elected officials; protect Port-au-Prince Mayor Evans Paul, still in hiding since the Sept. 1991 coup; straighten out essential public utilities that provide water and electricity.

When the UN Security Council lifts the embargo on Haiti, many problems are expected to solve themselves.

The problem is: then what?

US authorities have yet to fix a timetable for withdrawal, a step which Haitians regard as crucial. The last time, US Marines stayed 19 years – 1915-1934 – before bailing out.

The longer troops stay, the more they are likely to attract blame for problems which are now endemic. Few economists expect measurable change in the short term, even in the best of circumstances.

Haiti barely functions as a country. Job creation requires outside confidence based on stability, investment, and an infrastructure rebuilt from the ground up.

Meantime, thousands of Americans in military jeeps will be cruising the streets of a country more foreign than most.

Somalia showed how vulnerable US troops can be to a few hotheads with a grudge. In the age of TV, it doesn't take many casualties to unsettle Americans back home.

Army Col. Barry Willey, spokesman for the Joint Task Force, told reporters, "The bottom line still is that the individual service person out on the street is going to use his or her best judgment to determine what to do in a particular situation."

These individuals, he acknowledged, are often young and inexperienced.

A senior Haitian journalist, yet another observer who insists on the safety of speaking anonymously, echoes what is common wisdom among people who watched the early stage of US intervention.

"They should do the job quickly and cleanly and then go home," he said. "Today, it is deliverance, and people are joyful in the streets. Tomorrow, they may be out in those same streets, fighting."

The writer is an AP Special Correspondent based in Paris. He first reported from Haiti in 1983 and covered the end of the Duvalier dictatorship.

Helicopters rescue 70 from avalanche

MANILA (AP) – Military helicopters rescued about 70 people in two northern villages isolated by fresh avalanches that roared down Mount Pinatubo yesterday, officials said.

Those rescued were from Bacolor town, which was swept under two meters of volcanic debris on Friday, said police Superintendent Benjamin Cabading, duty officer at the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council in Pampanga province.

Cabading said at least 18 people have died so far, many of them scalded by steaming volcanic muck that streamed down the volcano's slopes.

Disaster officials said up to 30,000 people were affected, and about one-fifth of them had moved into government shelters.

"Many hard-headed residents refuse to listen to our calls for them to abandon their homes," Cabading said.

Those rescued had been among people who returned home after Friday's avalanche, he added.

He said troops keeping watch warned early yesterday that a 3-meter wall of volcanic debris was roaring down a channel toward the towns of Porac, Bacolor, Santa Rita and Guagua, about 30 km southeast of the volcano.

By afternoon, a one-meter high mud flow had reached villages in the four towns, he said.

The only bridge linking Pampanga with northern provinces also was overwhelmed by mudslides, he said.

Aris Jimenez of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said Friday's avalanche was caused by heavy rain that caused an overflow of a lake on the upper slopes of the volcano, sending down a wall of wet ash.

Volcanic debris is like quicksand when wet but hardens like cement as it dries.

Mount Pinatubo's eruption in June 1991, believed the biggest volcanic eruption this century, killed at least 800 people and spewed ash that altered weather worldwide.

Channel Tunnel leaking – but that's normal

LONDON (Reuter) – The Channel Tunnel between Britain and France is leaking – but its owners aren't worried.

Eurotunnel, which is to open the railway tunnel to passengers from mid-November, confirmed press reports of salt water accumulating in some parts of the tunnel but said this was not serious.

A spokesman said: "The tunnel is designed to leak and will continue to leak for the next 50 years."

He said that for every kilometre of tunnel there are 600 joins in the lining of the wall and in four places the tube designed to take water to the drains had become clogged with silt.

"We didn't expect the clogging but it is a very minor issue. We are talking about a bucket or two of water over a matter of weeks," the spokesman added.

Five pumping stations have been built to deal with water but only three have been needed, he said.

The 10 billion pound ($15 billion) tunnel, which took the lives of 10 construction workers, was officially opened in May by Britain's Queen Elizabeth and French President Francois Mitterrand.

US, North Korea put talks back on track

GENEVA (AP) – After reports that differences between North Korean and US negotiators were widening, the two sides sought yesterday to put their talks back on track towards easing nuclear tensions in the Korean peninsula.

The talks reconvened at the US Mission to the European headquarters of the United Nations after Pyongyang complained about US naval maneuvers off the Korean coast.

During a session that lasted nearly three hours, experts from the two sides covered "a lot of issues," but no progress was announced, said a US official.

After a break for a late lunch, the two sides decided to hold a second session yesterday afternoon, a North Korean official said.

A US official had said earlier that a second session was possible if progress were being made.

A Foreign Ministry statement carried by North Korea's official news agency said the naval maneuvers were an attempt by "US military hard-line conservatives" to pressure North Korea in connection with the talks.

Such pressure will leave North Korea "no choice" but to resume its nuclear program, the statement said.

A senior US official, briefing reporters in Geneva on condition of anonymity, said the maneuvers were routine exercises and denied they posed any threat.

But a North Korean official said the maneuvers were "a serious problem." "We can't have pressure and dialogue," he said.

Pyongyang suspended its nuclear program as negotiators met to resolve doubts over whether North Korea is developing nuclear weapons.

Some US experts maintain that North Korea has made at least one such weapon, but Pyongyang asserts that the program has only peaceful goals.

The talks resumed Friday after a six-week break. The US official told reporters in Geneva that Pyongyang had retreated from positions it had accepted before the recess.

North Korean and US negotiators disagreed on "some very fundamental issues," the US official said.

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Bosnian Serbs step up their harassment of UN

SARAJEVO (AP) – Bosnia's Serb military commander said yesterday that NATO's airstrike had caused civilian casualties, and warned his forces cannot guarantee UN peacekeepers' safety.

At the same time, Serbs eased their grip on Sarajevo, agreeing to repairs of utility lines into the besieged Bosnian capital.

A UN spokesman, confirming a Sarajevo radio report, said Bosnian government and Serb officials had reached an agreement Saturday to permit repairs of power lines. Another meeting took place yesterday, but details were not immediately known.

Lt. Gen. Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb commander, on Saturday threatened to strike a UN target after 8 p.m., said Maj. Koos Sol, a UN military spokesman. He acknowledged the Serbs had issued "a kind of ultimatum."

But while UN forces yesterday remained on increased alert, no Serb attack was reported.

In an open letter sent to Gen. Bertrand de Lapresle, the UN commander in former Yugoslavia, Mladic yesterday repeated previous allegations that Thursday's NATO airstrike had killed an unspecified number of civilians and destroyed their homes.

Mladic claimed the NATO attack had "caused numerous victims among innocent civilians and immense damage," including to a local school, in the village of Dobrosevici, 10 kilometers (6 miles) west of Sarajevo. He gave no casualty count.

NATO officials said the airstrike, which followed a Bosnian Serb attack on French UN peacekeepers, destroyed a single immobile tank without causing casualties in or near the village of Bojnik, which is very close to Dobrosevici.

Mladic also urged the UN force to suspend all activities in Serb-held territory, making clear his troops would not guarantee peacekeepers' safety.

"You have lost much of the reputation that you and UNPROFOR forces had among the Serb people because there is now blood of Serb children on your hands," Mladic asserted in his letter, faxed to The Associated Press in Belgrade.

There was no immediate reaction from de Lapresle or other UN officers.

Col. Bertrand Labarsouque, the UN military spokesman in Sarajevo, said that following the latest Serb threats Sarajevo airport was still on increased alert, and there would be no UN flights yesterday.

He said UN convoys and helicopter flights were also stalled in the Sarajevo area, a measure apparently in force elsewhere in Bosnia.

Bosnian Serbs on Saturday held up clearances for all UN convoys going through territory they control and suspended flight clearances of UN helicopters throughout Bosnia.

Labarsouque, who confirmed the agreement on starting utility repairs, said the UN was waiting for clearance to start work, but by mid-afternoon yesterday no go-ahead from the Serbs had been received.

Yesterday's agreement called for both sides to open their gas valves, and a UN source, who asked not to be identified, said the UN had been informed that the valves had been reopened yesterday morning. Gas was expected to be available in Sarajevo in the next day or so.



Friends and relatives grieve over the body of a Haitian man who was discovered shot to death on a Port-au-Prince street yesterday. (Reuter)

Crowds ransack Haitian police station after shootout

DAVID LAWSKY
CAP HAITIEN

HUNDREDS of jubilant Haitians ransacked police headquarters and an army barracks in this northern town yesterday, the morning after 10 Haitians identified as military policemen were shot dead in a confrontation with US Marines.

American reporters and photographers at the scene watched as the crowd carried off beds, matresses, tables, desks, electric fans and stacks of papers and then posed smiling for pictures.

They also proudly showed off identification cards left behind by police and their dreaded civilian auxiliary known as "attaches."

The ransacking took place in the friendly atmosphere of a street fair with many in the crowd pausing to stop and thank the Americans for coming.

A US military spokesman identified the 10 Haitians killed in the firefight as "Haitian military police" but gave no other details, pending a briefing set for later in the day.

The two locations were ransacked after Haitian military personnel abandoned them following the firefight with US Marines that ended with one American sailor shot in the leg and the 10 Haitians killed.

The Saturday night incident in Haiti's second largest city was the first in which shots were fired by US troops, who began occupying the Caribbean nation last Monday to pave the way for the resignation of the country's military leaders and for the return of its ousted president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

After the buildings were ransacked, American marines occupied them without incident. Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras, the leader of the Haitian army, was flying to Cap Haitien with top US officials aboard an American military helicopter.

The crowd began ransacking police headquarters the barracks after firing a few shots in the air. No one was injured. Many in the crowd tried to turn over their weapons to US reporters at the scene.

Some journalists reported seeing a man in khaki pants being grabbed by members of the crowd and being held in a headlock. They also saw saw another man stripped to his underwear by US Marines and then led away in handcuffs.

Both men were believed to either attaches or policemen as both groups often wear khaki clothing.

A Toyota Landcrusier driven by a Haitian solider was stopped by the crowd near police headquarters and its headlights smashed.

Marine Major Steve Little said there were three shooting incidents Saturday night, including the firefight with the US Marines. In the other two incidents, shots were fired from a bridge and at a schoolyard. No one was hurt.

Little declined to give a detailed description of the shooting incident at police headquarters or to say what the dead men were wearing. But he identified them as Haitian military police.

Other accounts given by US spokesmen both here and in Washington said the Haitians were killed after gunfire from police headquarters wounded a US sailor in the leg.

The sailor working as a translator was slightly wounded in the leg during the confrontation, Navy Commander Joe Gradisher said in Washington.

A Marine with the platoon at the scene told a reporter that four people came out from behind the desk of the police station brandishing weapons and "lit them up" as they emerged from inside.

Marines returned fire immediately and civilians scurried for cover, officials said.

Marine Colonel Steve Hartley in Cap Haitien said Saturday night that the gunfight took place after an exchange of words.

He said eight men were arrested and taken to a dock warehouse where the Marines have their headquarters.

Following the gunfight, the local Haitian military commander, Lieutenant Colonel Claude Josephat sent a liaison to the Marines to investigate the shooting.

Hartley said he told the liaison "we are not at war with the Haitian government."

The confrontation had been building up throughout the week. Less than one hour before the Marines arrived last Monday police had beaten Haitians trying to assemble to watch the US arrival.

After repeated beatings, the Marines issued Josephat a stern warning and said violence would not be tolerated and people had the right the assemble.

The Marines had also announced they would have a higher profile at police stations.

Cedras left for Cap Haitien with the the head of the US intervention force, Lieutenant General Hugh Shelton, and US ambassador to Haiti, William Swing.

In Washington, President Clinton said he regretted the loss of life but that US forces would respond to threats with whatever force was necessary. (Reuter)

Agencies at odds over Rwanda atrocities

KIGALI (Reuter) – Two UN agencies were at loggerheads yesterday over whether Tutsi soldiers of Rwanda's new government are killing Hutus to avenge the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of their own kinsfolk.

The UN refugee agency UNHCR, which has suspended repatriation of Hutu refugees from neighboring countries, said in Geneva it had evidence of killings – including a sighting on Friday of fresh corpses near the capital Kigali.

But the UN Rwanda Emergency Office (UNREO), which is coordinating UN operations in the central African country and has to work with the government, said an initial UNHCR report alleging killings lacked evidence and was based on rumors.

"The UNHCR report gave no physical or forensic evidence of its claims. You cannot make allegations based on interviews with around 300 people," an UNREO spokeswoman in Kigali said.

"We certainly want to support this government, not undermine it with uninvestigated rumors... These are sensitive allegations made without proof," she added.

UNHCR said in a report issued in Geneva on Friday that a consultant it hired had found a "consistent pattern" showing that Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) soldiers, who are mostly Tutsis, had harassed, intimidated and killed members of the majority Hutu tribe.

The RPF came to power in July after a three-month civil war during which an estimated one million Tutsis were massacred by the Hutu-dominated government army and militia after the April assassination of Hutu president Juvenal Habyarimana.

The UNHCR office in Kigali has so far declined to comment on the controversial report which could seriously damage the new government's attempts to encourage the return of some two million Hutu refugees outside its borders.

Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu on Friday rejected the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) report as untrue and said it did not appear to be balanced. A government spokesman accused UNHCR of dishonesty.

But UNHCR spokeswoman Sylvana Foa told Reuters in Geneva yesterday that the agency stood by its report.

"We have detailed and credible reports of killings from different parts of Rwanda, and we have shared these with other UN agencies and the government in Kigali at the very highest level," she said.

"For example, in the Kigali region on Friday our people went to look at an unused brick factory which we hoped to clean up and use as a reception centre for returning refugees.

"The doors opened and our team saw bodies inside. They seemed to be fresh. But then some soldiers came up and started screaming that our people shouldn't be there and chased them away."

Rwandan officials have previously admitted their soldiers have carried out isolated acts of reprisals against returning Hutus suspected of involvement in the earlier massacres.

Bizimungu said he would welcome an independent inquiry.

Pierre Mehu, spokesman for the UN Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR), told reporters there were rumors of mass killings and human rights violations, especially in southeast Rwanda, but no one knew who was responsible.

RPF officials said acts of intimidation and atrocities were being committed by the Hutu Interahamwe militia which wants to keep an army of refugees in exile.

UNAMIR has flown 120 Canadian and Ghanaian troops to the area to assess the situation.

After relaxing in Britain, Yeltsin heads for hard work

BRIZE NORTON, England (AP) – After a relaxed weekend in the English countryside, Russian President Boris Yeltsin headed yesterday for hard work, including trying to persuade Americans it is safe to invest in Russia.

At a joint news conference, Yeltsin and his host, Prime Minister John Major, emphasized that they had had a good time – and still couldn't believe how things have changed since the end of the Cold War.

"I don't think as little as two, three, four, let alone five years ago, there would have been the possibility of such a meeting," Yeltsin told reporters.

He flew to New York from Brize Norton, a Royal Air Force base 90 kms northwest of London.

The two leaders and their wives spent the weekend at Chequers, the country residence of the prime minister, north of London. They went for a walk in woods and dropped in at a pub.

Major said the weekend meeting, their fourth this year, had "several special characteristics."

"It was useful and it was enjoyable," said Major. "It was both of these in equal parts."

They were both cagey about their talks on Bosnia, where European powers, including Britain, are opposed to US pressure to lift the arms embargo against the Moslems unless Bosnia Serbs sign up for the latest peace plan.

"We are again entering a very difficult period on Bosnia," said Major. "It is very important for Russia and the US to stay close together at this time."

In the United States, Yeltsin will address the UN General Assembly in New York today. He will also meet President Clinton.

In Washington, Yeltsin will meet with political and business leaders, who complain that investing in Russia is risky because of organized crime, conflicting legislation and unpredictable taxes.

Yeltsin swept aside such complaints and insisted that Russia wants to do business.

Yeltsin wraps up his trip Thursday in Seattle, where he will tour a Boeing Co. facility, take a turn on a yacht and spend time with an American family.

US Holocaust exhibit outrages Serbs

WASHINGTON (AP) – The National Holocaust Memorial Museum, a major visitors' site in the nation's capital, is getting drawn into debate over the Balkan war, accused by Serbian-Americans of favoring the Bosnian-Croat side.

"In an ironic twist of history, the publicly funded museum is propagandizing" on behalf of "the very people that sided with Nazi Germany in World War II and were responsible for the brutal killing of one million Serbs and 70,000 Jews," the Serbian-American Affairs Council said yesterday.

"Serbian-Americans are outraged" by the museum's new exhibition, "Faces of Sorrow – Agony in the Former Yugoslavia" because it unfairly associates the Bosnian Serbs with the Nazis, said a statement by Council Spokeswoman Danielle Sremac.

"We all know what the Holocaust was ... the rounding up and mass extermination of six million Jews," Sremac said. The civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina "has absolutely nothing to do with the Holocaust."

The latest exhibition of six dozen stark photographs of "ethnic cleansing" atrocities, refugees, corpses and destruction in Sarajevo, Dubrovnik and other parts of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia opened last Thursday.

Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic attended the inaugural.

The museum, which has attracted nearly 3 million visitors since its April, 1993, opening, has a primary mission to portray the World War II Holocaust.

"Faces of Sorrow," its first exhibition from another period, was organized, the museum says, in fulfillment of its other mission – to "heighten public awareness of the dangers of hatred, bigotry intolerance and indifference."

The *New York Times* said some unidentified Jewish groups have also objected to showing Croats as victims because during the Holocaust a Croat Nazi puppets persecuted Jews and Serbs.

Such historical detail is provided by a panel introducing the exhibit in a gallery near the museum's main entrance.

Museum Council Chairman Miles Lerman, outside Washington and unreachable Saturday, recalled to the *Times* that "the Croats and the Bosnians were the most willing collaborators of the killing squads of Nazi Germany ... but morality dictates to me that we are 50 years away from the Holocaust and it does not give the Serbs of today the license to kill and maim women and children."

Except for a handful of victims identified as Bosnian Serbs, nearly all exhibited pictures show wounded, emaciated or dead Moslems and Croats.

Captions and background panels assert that all sides have committed atrocities but human rights organizations found most perpetrated by Bosnian Serbs.

CSU sweeps Bavarian poll, FDP crashes out

MUNICH (Reuter) – The ruling Christian Social Union (CSU), sister party to Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats, swept to victory in Bavaria's state poll yesterday with 54 percent, computer projections showed.

The Free Democrats, Kohl's other coalition partner, crashed with only 2.9 percent, below the 5 percent needed to win seats, said the ARD-TV projection.

The opposition Social Democrats (SPD), led by the Bonn parliament deputy speaker Renate Schmidt, increased their vote to 31.6 percent from 26 percent in 1990. The Greens slipped to 5.6 percent from 6.4 percent in 1990.

The vote, the last before Germany's general elections on October 16, sent mixed signals to Bonn, the strongest being the CSU's success in almost equalling its 1990 vote despite a string of scandals.

"Voters want continuity and stability," said CSU general secretary Erwin Huber. "In Bavaria, that means (state premier) Edmund Stoiber and in national politics that means Helmut Kohl."

With only 2.7 percent, the far-right Republicans failed to enter the legislature in Bavaria, their main stronghold, and thus seemed finished as an effective force in German politics. They got 4.9 percent in 1990.

The FDP has now lost seven times in elections, a bad omen for the party for the national poll because it could undermine Kohl's coalition and force him into an unwanted alliance with the SPD.

Russian parliament may rehabilitate Tsar

MOSCOW (Reuter) – Russia's parliament is to take a new look at how to rehabilitate Tsar Nicholas II, shot dead in 1918 by gunmen acting on the orders of Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin, a top parliamentary official said yesterday.

A press statement from the State Duma lower house of parliament said parliamentary chairman Ivan Rybkin made his promise after meeting Grand Duchess Leonida Georgievna, a relative of the late tsar by marriage.

The grand duchess was in Russia to attend a reburial ceremony for the bones of Grand Duke Georgy, the tsar's younger brother who died of tuberculosis in 1898.

"During the meeting (with Rybkin) she requested that the remains of former emperor Nicholas II, his wife and children and those who died with him be reburied according to Orthodox church traditions," the statement said.

"Rybkin listened to the request with understanding and told her that Duma deputies intended to consider the question of rehabilitating... the Romanov family and those who died with them."

The tsar, his wife Alexandra and three of their five children were shot in the cellar of a house in the Urals city of Yekaterinburg and their bodies dumped in a forest pit 32 km away.

Their remains are to be given a solemn burial in the old imperial capital of St Petersburg, a ceremony, provisionally set for March 5 next year – Absolution Sunday in the Orthodox calendar.

A government commission is already looking into the reburial ceremony. It is headed by Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Yarov.

Scientists had exhumed Georgy's bones and skull in July as part of a scientific probe to allow Russian experts to establish conclusively Nicholas' remains.

But scientists said the bones were in such poor condition because the coffin was partly waterlogged that it had been impossible to draw clear conclusions from samples taken.

The bones were reburied in a new tomb and coffin in St Petersburg's Peter and Paul Cathedral last Friday.

The OJ Simpson show begins today

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) – Little more than 100 days after his ex-wife and her friend were found stabbed to death, football legend O.J. Simpson goes on trial today in the most highly publicized murder case in US history.

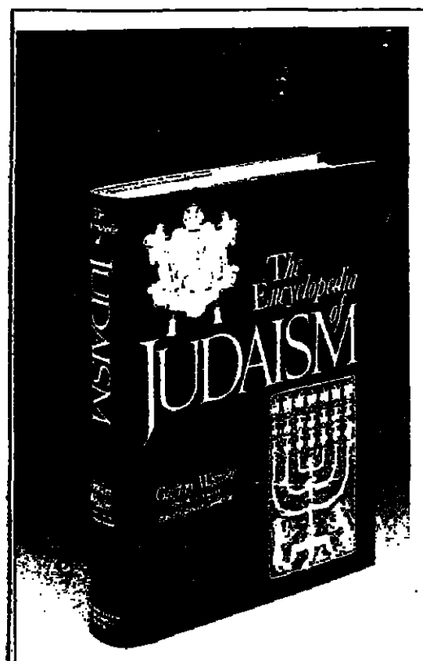
Prosecutors and defense attorneys, who have been battling it out in the court of public opinion, will face off in a downtown courtroom to begin the process of picking the 12 jurors who will decide Simpson's fate.

But after months of anonymous leaks and media frenzy, some legal experts wonder whether Simpson – once ranked among America's best-loved sport heroes – can still get a fair trial.

Overshadowing the start of jury selection is a judge's threat to pull the plug on television coverage of the trial because of what he called false and prejudicial news reports.

An army of technicians swarmed outside the Criminal Courts Building putting the finishing touches on a makeshift media village.

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German arms; Israeli naivete

THE German government has announced that it possesses no proof of the charges made against various German companies by the newsweekly *Der Spiegel*. The magazine's current issue accuses major firms of helping Libya, Iran and Iraq to develop arms industries, including biological and chemical warfare capabilities and missile manufacturing plants.

It is difficult to take such official protestations of ignorance seriously. The clandestine transfer of war materiel to Iraq before Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait by virtually all European countries, the post-war revelations about massive German sales to Iran's nuclear industry, and the more recent interceptions of plutonium and other *nuclear materials smuggled through Germany* to Middle Eastern destinations point to the kind of activity which can hardly be hidden from the authorities.

Understandably, both Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his deputy Yossi Beilin have protested to the German government about the coziness of *German-Iranian relations*. In response, the Germans – resorting to a shopworn excuse for collaborating with evil – explained that only by maintaining a "constructive" dialogue with Teheran can they hope to change Iranian conduct.

Clearly, the German calculations are purely mercenary. In February last year, a NATO report asserted that Iran intended to spend $30 billion in the following five years on armaments, with the intention of becoming the most powerful country in the Middle East. Germany, like other European countries, is determined to get in on at least part of the "action."

The shortsightedness of the European attitude is painfully obvious. Iran already possesses sophisticated submarines purchased in Russia. From China it has acquired F-7 missile launchers and Silkworm missiles, capable of delivering nuclear warheads. With German help it has rebuilt its Boshhar nuclear center, and it is developing the region's largest and most diverse nuclear network, with nuclear centers in 10 different locations. To suppose that such a buildup threatens only Israel betrays the kind of mindless obtuseness which conjures up the 1930s.

But for all its justified protests against German participation in the feeding of the Iranian monster, Israel seems no wiser in its assessment of the region's dangers. Iran is not the only state feverishly competing in the most dangerous arms race in the region's history. In the three short years since the end of the Gulf War – the war which was supposed to usher the new world order into the the region and which triggered the current "peace process" – the Arab regimes in the immediate area have spent $60b. on conventional and non-conventional weapons.

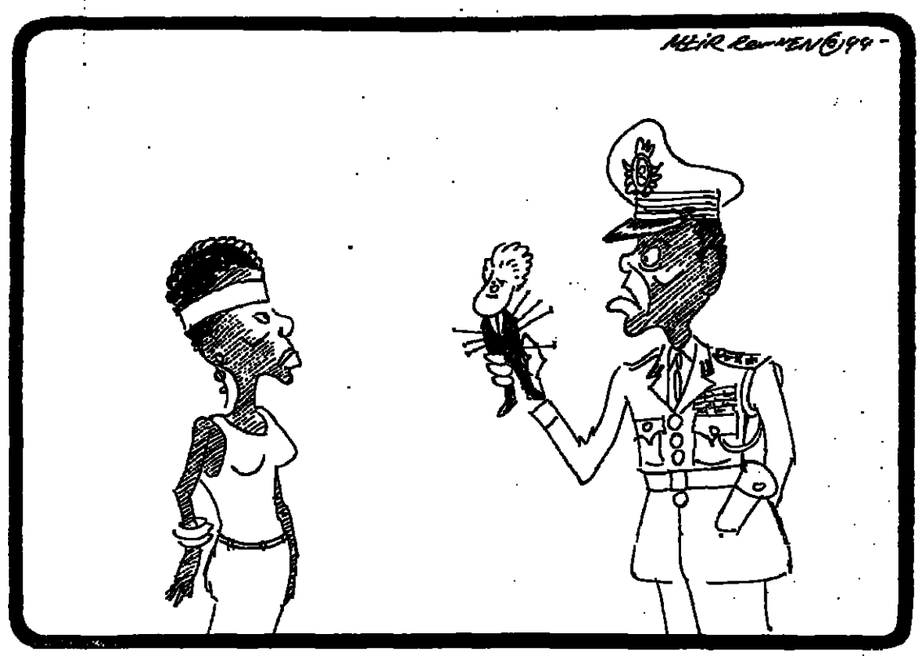
One of the most dramatic arms buildups is taking place in Syria even as it negotiates with Israel for the evacuation of the Golan. According to *Yediot Aharonot* military correspondent Ron Ben-Yishai, "Quantitatively, the Syrian army now matches the IDF. In certain areas, such as tanks and surface-to-surface missiles, the Syrians even have a slight advantage over the IDF. Qualitatively, the IDF still maintains a clear advantage in terms of equipment and personnel, but this advantage is reduced by the fact that the IDF is comprised mostly of reservists, while the Syrian military is mostly a standing force, able to move straight from permanent bases to halt or launch an attack."

To assume that such a buildup is merely intended to serve as a bargaining chip in negotiations, or that such a purposeful military effort will be reversed as soon as Israel forfeits the Golan, is to betray unforgivable naivete. And to suppose, in the face of the world's cynical participation in the arming of the most vicious dictatorships, that Israel can rely on other nations to come to its rescue in case of war is to compound naivete with irresponsibility.

If the government really wants lasting peace in the region, it should not take the route of preemptive surrender to Arab demands, but mount a campaign to stop the regional arms race. Not only Germany, but virtually every major country in the West and East is a participant in this race. To get these countries to act in concert is a formidable challenge, and it will not be made easier by the fact that the rope they sell may one day be used to hang them.

But the painful truth is that only the disarming and democratization of the Middle East can bring peace. The current effort, for all its seductiveness to war-weary Israelis and for all its popularity in the world, can only lead to war.

"This isn't working – Do you have one of Hillary?"



Hardly clear as crystal

AMOS CARMEL

IN 1989, at the height of the intifada, then defense minister Yitzhak Rabin addressed a meeting of the Labor Party leadership. He had ordered the IDF to take a hard stand against Palestinian demonstrators, he told them, because "there's a difference between us and the Citizens Rights party."

Since then, several years have gone and, with them, the "difference between us and the Citizens Rights party."

We got clear proof of this exactly a week ago.

Addressing the same forum, Rabin turned to a Golan settler who was arguing that all he and his fellow settlers were doing was struggling to protect their homes:

"What would you say," the prime minister demanded, "to a Palestinian who was forced to abandon his home in Jaffa 46 years ago, after he and his forefathers had been living there for 700 years?"

Now it's true that only a donkey never changes his mind. But Rabin, in talking about "700 years," also shows no knowledge of history or respect for facts. And once delivered, a forceful question like that can't just remain hanging in the air.

Even if the premier and his disciples felt he had delivered a telling blow against his opponents, even if they saw it as a younger sibling to all Rabin's remarks about "Fogels," "poodles" and "propellers," a question like that cannot go unchallenged.

Another incisive Rabinism to add to the 'poodles' and the 'propellers'

MR. RABIN: What exactly are you, prime minister of Israel, a man who claims to head a Zionist party, telling that Palestinian from Jaffa, in the light of everything you've stood for over the past 46 years? Are you telling him that he can come back and reclaim his former home?

Or perhaps (and let's whisper it, so your good friends in Meretz don't hear), you aren't really concerned about that Palestinian from Jaffa at all, and all you're trying to do is get at the Golan protesters.

Then again, you might be feeling remorse, like your minister of communications and science. Perhaps you think that Jaffa Palestinian has justice on his side. Perhaps, after 46 years, he is entitled to return home (in political lingo, his "right of return" must be honored).

In that case, after 46 years, Palestinians from Sheikh Munis should also be entitled to return to Neveh Avivim, that neighborhood so familiar to you.

And, course, proceeding along this enlightened path, after "no more than 27 years of settlement on the Golan" – as you took pains to stress – the settlers should pack up their infants' day-care centers and the IDF withdraw its tanks.

There's another possibility. Perhaps Yitzhak Rabin went to Labor Party headquarters, saw Golan settlers sitting across the room, and simply shot from the hip.

Perhaps he didn't think about what he was saying, or consider the possible conclusions. Possibly he wasn't thinking about anything very much at all.

The writer, a scientist, comments on current affairs.

Top marks

MITCHELL G. BARD

BY George, he's done it. Yitzhak Rabin has transformed a terrorist into a diplomat and a spineless monarch into a king. He has changed history.

At the time of the last *Israeli* election, everyone still questioned whether there could ever be peace in the Middle East.

Yitzhak Shamir had moved the peace process forward an important step by getting the Arabs to negotiate face to face, but a stalemate had been reached, and no one expected either side to make the necessary concessions to end hostilities.

Now, just over two years later, the question is no longer *whether* there will be peace but *what kind* of peace will endure.

Israelis have openly traveled to places like Qatar, Oman and Tunisia. The economic and political boycott is crumbling. Israel now has relations with 146 countries, 54 having renewed or established ties since the Madrid peace conference in 1991, 20 since the signing of the Declaration of Principles last September.

Israel may not yet have achieved David Ben-Gurion's goal of being a light to the nations, but it is now an accepted member of the family. Israel is again regarded as a positive example for developing nations, rather than as an object of derision.

Rabin may not deserve all the credit, but he merits the lion's share. As prime minister, he makes the final decisions; and Rabin made the critical call to follow through on Oslo.

The lion's share of the credit for changes in our region goes to Rabin – the Middle's East's Henry Higgins

Let's face it, Yasser Arafat is still Yasser Arafat. If it were up to me, I'd hang him from the highest yardarm for crimes against humanity.

But Rabin (and let's not forget Shimon Peres, because we know how sensitive he is about not getting credit) convinced him to accept what is going to end up as a modified Allon Plan. The two are meeting regularly and negotiating agreements.

Jericho and Gaza haven't become models of democracy and efficiency, but autonomy has worked pretty well so far. Best of all, Israeli teenagers don't have to go into those squalid Gaza camps and chase rock-throwing kids.

IT MUST have been galling for *Rabin's right-wing critics to watch* him at the White House. He brought King Hussein into the public spotlight.

In signing what is a peace agreement in all but name, the supposed "traitor" Rabin accomplished the Likud's goal of securing the other half of the vise around the Palestinians.

And talk about turning a flower *girl into a duchess – how about* Rabin's trick of rehabilitating Hussein? The man regarded as one of the most feckless leaders in the region is now being hailed for his courage and vision. American Jews can hardly wait to add Jordan to their mission itineraries. And the leadership will undoubtedly be rushing to Amman to praise the king and tell him what to do next.

Israel is now technically at peace with all but one of its neighbors (I don't count Lebanon as separate from its despoiler), and Rabin may yet pull off an agreement with Syria.

In the interim, Israel shouldn't turn Syria into the bogeyman. Assad has a big army and lots of sophisticated weapons, but Syria has never been willing to take Israel on by itself and would be no match for the IDF.

Moreover, by offering him the Golan, returning territory to the Palestinians and reaching an agreement with Hussein, Rabin has stripped Assad of his justification for war.

Rabin has secured Israel's international position and brought greater stability to his neighborhood.

The Messiah hasn't arrived, and all Arabs have not become lovers of Zion. But for the near future at least, it appears more likely that Jews and Arabs will take up plowshares than arms.

That thought was unthinkable two years ago, but the Middle East's Henry Higgins has made me a convert.

When Rabin's done, I wouldn't blame him if he sat back and asked for his slippers.

The writer is executive director of the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise and author of Forgotten Victims: The Abandonment of Americans in Hitler's Camps.

A studio seeks sick profits

GREGG EASTERBROOK

IF you felt cheered that millions of Americans have seen *Forrest Gump*, in which an honest person triumphs by being good and true, be advised that almost as many have seen *Natural Born Killers*, the No. 1 movie of recent weeks.

In this heartwarming film, two lovers depicted as resplendent free spirits commit dozens of graphic murders, shooting total strangers in the face or cutting their throats as they plead for their lives. As they kill, they tell jokes or kiss while an MTV-style soundtrack plays, sometimes joined by a laugh track.

Nearly 100 killings are shown in extreme detail, a glorification of violence stunning even by the standards of Hollywood shamelessness.

Yet *Natural Born Killers* is a product of a mainstream studio, Warner Brothers, owned by Time Warner, a major public company. For good measure, throughout the movie flash subliminal-speed images of screaming people covered with blood, decapitated bodies, children watching parents murdered, men strangling gorgeous, struggling women in revealing lingerie. Time Warner is running television advertising announcing this movie as "delirious, daredevil fun." Fun.

It is a baleful indictment of contemporary intellectual affairs that this odious film and its popularity have not triggered protests, even *from feminists.*

The director, Oliver Stone, seems shielded by his affectational leftism. Stone also sought to *immunize the film by loading it with* digs against the press. He knows media outlets presently bend over backward not to be seen as criticizing those who criticize them. The thinking world has fallen for this simplistic ploy and is letting *Killers* off the hook.

Count the affronts:

● Though "Natural Born Killers" contains fantastic elements – flashes of cartoons, of Japanese monster movies – the extreme violence is passed off as mere artistic representation of true-life serial killing.

Actually nothing is realistic about the degree of slaughter depicted. The protagonists, Mickey (Woody Harrelson) and Mallory (Juliet Lewis), murder 52 people in three weeks.

"There is no known record of any person or group committing that many murders so rapidly under nonmilitary circumstances,"

'Natural Born Killers' is a glorification of violence stunning even by the standards of Hollywood shamelessness

says Les Davis, a supervisory agent at the FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime in Quantico, Va. John Wayne Gacy, for example, killed 33 people over a period of three and a half years.

"KILLERS" further rationalizes itself by suggesting thrill killings are an everyday event.

As roughly estimated by Peter Smerick, a retired agent from the FBI behavioral sciences division, about 500 "spree" killings occurred in the US from 1977 to 1992. That is a horrific number, *but represents just 0.14 percent of* total murders in the period. On an annual basis, more thrill murders now occur in the movies and on *TV than in real life.*

● *Natural Born Killers* becomes hellish in its denouement, when Mickey and Mallory stage a prison break that results in scores of graphic deaths per minute as prisoners riot.

Critics have praised the prison slaughter scene as "brutal realism," though both the death toll and the circumstances depicted are exceedingly unrealistic. The riot is so bloody because prisoners grab guns from prison guards. This *is utterly ludicrous. Guards never* routinely bear arms in the interior of high-security prisons, precisely because weapons might be grabbed.

● A "realistic" pretext for extreme violence occurs when Mickey is brought to a television interview in a prison office. Guards with grabable shotguns idle nearby as Mickey talks, *hands and legs free.* This, though he is described as having killed three guards.

"Once a prisoner kills a guard, his hands are never unshackled around human beings again," says a federal prosecutor whose work takes him to the maximum-prison at Marion, Ill. Yet the uncuffed Mickey rises from his interview chair grabs a guard's guns and proceeds to slaughter the guards, most of the TV crew and two beautiful young women inexplicably present.

● Some critics liken *Killer* favorably to Stanley Kubrick's critically-acclaimed, *A Clockwork Orange.*

This 1971 film had many depictions of brutality but only one murder, which was not shown directly. "Clockwork Orange" was a protest against the notion that might makes right, a true problem of enduring significance. *Killers* purports to be a protest against tabloid journalism, which is perhaps problem 19,872 on the social *inventory.*

Killers is an important financial innovation for Time Warner, allowing a major conglomerate to *exploit the sordid appeal* of the slasher flick, while hiding behind a patina of social commentary. To create the latter effect the movie spends half an hour belaboring the faux-intellectual cliche that there's no difference between murderers and the law.

Does this mean if Oliver Stone were in danger he wouldn't call a cop because cops are as bad as criminals? Please.

Promoters claims *Natural Born Killers* exposes a sickness in our society. That is true. The sickness *is in* Stone and Warner Brothers' management, who seek profit by trendy mockery of human life.

The writer is a contributing editor to Newsweek *and the* Atlantic Monthly. *His book,* A Moment on the Earth, *will be published in March. (The Washington Post)*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HARASSMENT AT AIRPORT

Sir, – The never-ending problems of harassment of some foreign visitors by security authorities and personnel at Ben Gurion Airport have seemed insoluble over the years, precisely because of the attitude of the airport authorities, as quoted in the *Post* on August 3 ("Baram battles Airport Authority"). They have persistently taken refuge in denial of the very fact of the harassment, and in expressions of shock that anyone dare question the sanctity and behavior of security personnel at airports or elsewhere, as the Airport Authority spokesman is reported to have retorted in this case.

In the course of my own work over the years, I had to cope with scores of complaints, in most cases from devout *Christian pilgrims, many of* whom not only suffered financial and other material damage, but were traumatized by their experiences.

Instead of denying everything and continuing to do damage to our image, our tourist trade and basic norms of behavior towards the stranger entering our gates, have the airport authorities ever bothered to seek the help of the foreign and tourist ministries in training their personnel? There are many former or retired emissaries of the government and the national institutions who would gladly volunteer to advise the relevant airport and security personnel, and assist them in minimizing the shock of sudden and arbitrary isolation of completely innocent and innocuous tourists from other travelers and their friends, strip-searches, and what they experience as harsh and frightening detention and interrogation.

E. Z. SUFOTT

Jerusalem.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Sir, – Britain did things that will live in infamy, both in Ireland and in the Jewish homeland, and grievously hath Britain paid for it. But that is no reason why Israel should whistle to the tune of an Irish republican fife band or march to a beguiling drumbeat that echoes from the mud banks of the Tiber.

Ulster's resolve to be a province of the British Crown rather than submit to Home-Rome-Rule (your noble ancestors would know what I mean: 70-73 CE) was as legitimate, though not as daring, as the recovery of the Jewish State; but Roman Catholic dogma, not to mention the fulminations of Mecca, states that neither is admissible; which is why the IRA and the PLO lay claim to other men's land through charters that will never change.

The Calvinists of Ulster know what it is to see their loved ones murdered by "Philistines," as you have seen yours done to death by their ilk.

Know your friends, Israel.

GRUFFYDD THOMAS

Swansea, Wales.

LACK OF CONSISTENCY

Sir, – It is commonly accepted that, after two peoples have made peace, those individuals who have committed "crimes against humanity" are still tried for their misdeeds (e.g., German war criminals are still prosecuted after almost 50 years.)

We may accept our government's position that, for practical reasons, the responsibility of Yasser Arafat and some of his deputies for the murder of numerous innocent citizens, should be ignored, since they were committed prior to the Israeli-Palestinian agreements. Accordingly, Arafat should "forgive" those Palestinians who are suspected of having collaborated with the Israeli authorities in the past. If he can't do that, then let us be consistent and prosecute Arafat.

Arafat cannot have his cake and eat it too.

ESTER FRIDE ALPERSTEIN

Efrat.

THE REVENGE MOTIVATION

Sir, – *Peace Watch's report* ("Deaths from terror up sharply since Oslo accord," *The Jerusalem Post* September 12) refers to "Palestinian groups" citing revenge "as motivating their own attacks on Israelis." Do not Palestinians realize that revenge was no doubt a prime motive for Dr. Baruch Goldstein's killing of 29 Palestinians in Hebron? As a doctor, some of his best friends died in his arms after they were gunned down by terrorists.

While Peace Watch doesn't accept revenge as justifying "terror acts by Palestinian groups" and hasn't determined such acts to be "an important explanation of... attacks by Palestinians against Israelis," the report presents the data on the Palestinians killed by Israeli security forces and civilians in such a context as to invite justification.

Since Peace Watch has opened the matter of motivation and intention, it should be observed that, with very few exceptions, the Palestinians who killed Jews did so by deliberate calculation and under the sponsorship of well-known organizations including the PLO. By contrast, in all but a few cases, civilian Jews who killed Palestinians did not set out determined to do so and we reacting on their own. Typical cases are Jews in vehicles which are stoned or made a wrong turn into Arab villages and came under attack.

In some instances, Jews were murdered as an initiating rite to PLO organizations. Other murders were carried out to prove the killers were not "collaborators."

In addition to raising the "revenge" explanation, Peace Watch's report narrows the intifada to "activities such as stone-throwing and Molotov cocktails." What then were the car bombings, shootings and stabbings?

Peace Watch is doing important work but its adoption of intifada usage, if only sporadically, goes against its independent and nonpartisan character.

JOSEPH LERNER

Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS

A BRITISH couple have confounded the odds and produced twins of different colors – one white and one black.

Doctors said the chances of the couple, a white woman and black man, producing twins of different colors were a million to one.

"When they were born they were a little blue and over the next couple of days they turned pink," said father Curtis Simmons, 29.

"But by the end of the week we realized Reece was dark-skinned with black hair like me and his sister Louise was fair and white like Marion."

A HEADACHE is no reason for rebuffing sex, a British expert said.

In fact, sex may assuage the pain as effectively as an aspirin, according to Kaye Wellings of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She said endorphin hormones produced during intercourse have a pain-killing effect as well as producing a feeling of well-being.

"The combination of sex and pleasure makes sex a great way to beat stress and its damaging effects on the heart, circulation and immune systems," she said.

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Gossip-hungry public eating up celebrities' tidbits

True confessions are hot sellers. Jocelyn McClurg gets the latest on who's dishing their dirt, and for how much



WHAT do Marlon Brando, Burt Reynolds, Barbara Bush, Dolly Parton, Vanessa Redgrave, Lauren Bacall, John Denver, Robert Evans, Marilu Henner, Mary Matalin and James Carville, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, Audrey Meadows, Theodore Bikel, and Emmitt Smith have in common? All are telling their life stories in books being published this fall.

The crush of celebrity autobiographies attests to the genre's popularity with both readers and publishers (if not always with the critics).

"It's a very competitive fall," says Bob Miller, publisher of Hyperion, which is publishing the Reynolds and Evans books as well as Peter Manso's biography *Brando*, due in stores Friday.

There have been so many celebrity autobiographies in recent years, you have to wonder if publishers ever worry about running out of celebrities.

Movie stars, TV actors, former TV actors, politicians, radio personalities, Gulf War heroes, former first ladies, comedians, musicians, athletes – anybody in the public eye, it seems, can be an author.

Many of these books end up on the best-seller list, some for epic runs. *Barbara Bush: A Memoir* and *Brando: Songs My Mother Taught Me* by Marlon Brando both made their debut on the Publishers Weekly best-seller list Sunday. Katharine Hepburn's autobiography, *Me: Stories of My Life*, for which the actress received a reported $4.25 million, was 1991's No. 1 hardcover nonfiction best seller and a subsequent smash in paperback. The success of Howard Stern's *Private Parts* may be viewed by some as evidence of the decline of Western civilization, but it was a bonanza for Simon & Schuster.

Celebrity autobiographies aren't fail-proof. In one of the most celebrated defections since Nureyev left the Soviet Union, Oprah Winfrey "postponed" her memoir with Knopf at the last minute last year. Readers who went gaga over *Roseanne*, the first autobiography by comedian Roseanne (formerly known as Roseanne Barr and Roseanne Arnold), apparently had had their fill of her by the time she published *My Lives* earlier this year.

But even if Roseanne's second book didn't set any sales records, she has helped create a whole new celebrity subgenre: the stand-up comic tome. Jerry Seinfeld's *Sein-Language* was a hit, and now Paul Reiser, Tim Allen, Garry Shandling, Brett Butler and Ellen DeGeneres are sharpening their wit and their pencils for books that translate their TV shticks to the printed page.

Why do publishers keep churning out celebrity memoirs? "Because the appetite of the American people for celebrities keeps growing exponentially, and we have to serve it," says Harry Evans, president of Random House, which published Brando's autobiography earlier this month.

Talk shows and magazines such as *People* and *US* have fed the celebrity cult, and publishers, just like TV and other media, are "trying to answer a need in the audience," says Lisa Drew, publisher of Lisa Drew Books, a Scribner imprint that has just published Barbara Bush's memoir.

Hyperion's Miller says that a celebrity autobiography has to give a fan "more than what they're already getting for free" from a star's TV appearances. A book by a well-known person provides "what feels like intimate contact," Miller says. "You get to know them better."

Certainly, autobiographies sometimes turn into confessionals about celebrity peccadilloes (think of Glen Campbell). But what's most important, says Miller, is that they accurately capture the "voice" of the celebrity, even if they're written by a ghostwriter. People who buy celebrity memoirs expect them to deliver a "full life," says Drew.

"Just putting a celebrity's name on a book can be a recipe for failure if there's not something there," Miller says.

Burt Reynolds's forthcoming *My Life*, due in October from Hyperion, promises to reveal that Sally Field was the great love of his life, how his close friend Nancy Reagan helped him to track down and quash persistent rumors that he had AIDS, and that Loni Anderson destroyed their marriage.

These kinds of tabloid revelations are exactly what you might expect from someone who has been a tabloid stalwart.

On the other hand, at least one reviewer has criticized Brando for barely mentioning his children and wives in his autobiography.

Evans, of Random House, defends Brando's decision, saying the actor "is unsparing of himself." (Undoubtedly Manso's gossipy biography will pick up the slack.)

Of course, revelations that emerge from autobiographies help feed the celebrity machine. But publishers don't like too many juicy tidbits to leak out in advance – just enough to pique public interest. For example, shortly before Barbara Bush's autobiography hit bookstores, her pro-choice stance made headlines.

"You want to control the publicity a book by a major celebrity has because publicity is a major, major function of selling the book," Drew says.

Barbara Bush has been on the campaign trail for her book, appearing in 12 cities and all over television, from David Letterman to *20/20* with Barbara Walters. Bookstore appearances by celebrity authors can also sell lots of books. (Brando is not doing publicity.)

"We are interested in publishing books by well-known people because they attract attention," says Hyperion's Miller. There are other benefits for publishers. They can make a lot of money from a hot-selling celebrity book, even though they often have to shell out big bucks for them.

Brando received a reported $5 million to write his life story, and he admits in print that "I'm writing this book for money because Harry Evans of Random House offered if to me." Evans says Random House has already made almost half of Brando's advance back through the sale of serial and international rights.

Publishers also say the profit they make from big books like celebrity autobiographies allows them to subsidize more modest books.

(Or, as Brando writes in his memoir, "[Evans] said that if his company published a book about a movie star, the profits would enable him to publish books by talented, unpublished authors that might not make money.... I thought it was odd of him to admit that he published trashy books so that he could issue those that had real value.")

Such altruism aside, some media pundits are cynical about celebrities as authors. *USA Today* columnist Joe Urschel recently called celebrity memoirs "egocentric blather."

"It's as hard to generalize about celebrity books as it is to generalize about fiction," Miller says. "There are good ones, and there are bad ones."

(The Hartford Courant)

India is winning an uphill turf war to 'make new soil'

EARTHLY CONCERNS

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

INDIA'S eroded hillsides are being reforested due to a recent innovation in which three notoriously hard-to-dispose-of materials are recycled into a soil mix for trees and crops.

By mixing sewage sludge, fly ash (the residue remaining after coal is burned) and composted weeds, agronomists have managed to produce a highly fertile, soil-like mixture.

When plowed into eroded soil, this mix reportedly results in growth many times greater than that achieved with chemical fertilizers.

The technique, first tried on a small scale in Canada, is now being applied to vast hillside areas in India, where the soil has become so eroded it is almost useless. The project managers say that in some areas new forestation was several times greater than that produced using conventional techniques.

The sewage sludge and the composted weeds provide large amounts of nitrates, while the fly ash is rich in minerals such as zinc, cadmium, cobalt and magnesium. When combined in proper proportions, they make up a matrix that provides everything the plants need.

CORRECT PROPORTIONS is the critical factor. If fly ash is added too liberally, the heavy metals can build up in the stems and prevent the plants from absorbing enough water and the other nutrients. For this reason, the new material is being used, at present, only on crops grown for fibers, fuel and building materials.

It has been especially successful in growing trees such as acacia and gum, and for bamboo and cotton.

Even these crops are a boon for India, where wood is the principal fuel for millions and there is a dearth of even the simplest lumber for building and furniture. The demand for wood for fuel has been the chief contributing factor to the disappearance of the trees and the consequent soil erosion.

Researchers believe their experiments will soon make it possible to apply the new material to forage crops, another item in short supply in India, where livestock is still depended on for work and as a mode of transport.

Some remarkable success has already been reported in growing sugar cane in soil that had been too poor to support crops. This year will be the first for experiments with vineyards and orchards for soft fruits.

This technique also does some very basic recycling.

Until now, sewage sludge and fly ash have seemed both useless and expensive to dispose of, while bulky weeds have taxed the disposal facilities in many areas.

Not kidnapping if custodial rights not violated

LAW REPORT

ASHER FELIX LANDAU

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a Court of Civil Appeals, before the Deputy-President Justice Aharon Barak, and Justices Tova Strassberg-Cohen and Dalia Dorner, in the matter of Neil Andrews Barbee, appellant, versus Rahel Rose Barbee and others, respondents (C.A.870/94).

NEIL and Rahel Barbee, US nationals, a Christian and a Jewess, were married in the US in 1984.

In 1990 a court in Georgia confirmed a divorce agreement between them under which, inter alia, "...the husband shall have temporary custody of the minor child of this marriage, Danielle Barbee, born June 8, 1990, until such time as wife's case worker, Devlin Stoval, makes a determination that the wife is fit and able to properly care for the minor child. At that time the wife shall be entitled to and shall be awarded permanent custody of minor child."

The judgment also obliged the husband to pay $100 a week maintenance for the child after she passed into the mother's permanent custody.

In March 1993, the mother took the child to Israel with the father's consent. Since she did not return, the Georgia court, on the father's application, ordered her to restore the child to his custody. This order, however, had no effect.

The father then lodged a claim against the mother in the Jerusalem District Court for the return of the child.

He relied on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction of October 25, 1990, which was accorded Israeli statutory recognition in the Hague Convention (The Return of Abducted Children) Law of 1991. His claim was dismissed, and he appealed to the Supreme Court.

JUSTICE Strassberg-Cohen delivered the judgment of the court. The District Court, she said, had ruled that the father had failed to prove any breach of the Convention.

It was necessary, therefore, to consider its relevant provisions, and to reexamine the facts relating to the child's custody.

The purpose of the Convention, she continued, as stated in section 1, is "to ensure the immediate return of children unlawfully removed to a contracting state or not returned thereto." Under section 3, the removal, or failure to return, is required to involve a breach of a person's custodial rights "actually exercised" at that time.

Under section 5, "custodial rights" include "those relating to the child's person, and in particular the right to determine his place of residence," and "visitation rights" include "taking the child, for a limited period, to a place other than that of his usual residence."

For six months preceding the divorce, Justice Strassberg-Cohen continued, the child was with the father, visiting the mother during weekends. After the divorce she traveled with the mother to Israel for a month with the father's consent, and on their return the previous arrangement continued.

In about May 1991, near the completion of the mother's medical treatment, the situation was reversed. The child then remained all the week with the mother, spending the weekends with the father. This arrangement continued for about two years until March 1993. The mother then took the child to Israel, with the father's consent, to visit her own sick mother.

The grandmother died, but the child remained with the mother in Israel. When the father realized that the mother did not intend to return, he brought the application mentioned above to the Georgia court.

The circumstances showed, Justice Strassberg-Cohen said, that in May 1991 the father was satisfied that the mother was capable of having custody of the child. Thereafter he saw her only during weekends, while the mother attended to all her daily needs, including clothing and education. He also started at that time to pay the mother maintenance for the child in terms of the Georgia court's judgment.

JUSTICE Strassberg-Cohen, therefore, upheld the District Court's finding that after May 1991 the "custodial rights" over the child were "actually exercised" by the mother and not the father. It followed from section 3 of the Convention that the mother's taking the child to Israel in 1993 and her failure to return her to the US created no right of the father to claim her return.

One could understand the father's feelings, for he was now faced with his child living in another country thousands of miles away. That factor, however, could not change the result.

The above conclusion, Justice Strassberg-Cohen said, was sufficient to dispose of the present appeal. However, she wished to add some comments on the legal, as distinct from the actual, right to custody of the child.

English, Canadian, and American precedents of claims under the Convention showed that the custodial parent was entitled to change the child's place of residence, without the other parent's consent, unless a clear statutory provision or judgment laid down otherwise. This was so even if the change interfered with the other parent's visitation rights.

It was not disputed that the divorce judgment in the present case was governed by the law of Georgia. Under that law the custodial arrangements in the judgment could be changed only by the court, or by some mechanism included in the judgment itself.

The judgment in the instant case did include such a mechanism, but it was never applied. Some letters of Devlin Stoval written in June 1993 had been submitted to the District Court, but they had been correctly rejected as inadmissible. It followed that *legal* custody of the child did not pass to the mother.

However, *actual* custody was exercised by the mother since 1991. The father would not have exercised it even if the child had not been taken to Israel, and even if she had been returned to the US.

There had thus been no breach of custodial rights "actually exercised" by the father at that time as required by section 3 of the Convention.

FOR THE above reasons the appeal was dismissed, with no order as to costs.

Advocate Shachar Bar-Hayim appeared for the father, and Advocates Ido Divon, Meron and Weinberg, appeared for the mother.

The judgment was given on September 4, 1994.

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Ryan role fits Ford to a T

FILM REVIEW

ADINA HOFFMAN



Jack Ryan (Harrison Ford, right), a principled CIA analyst, confronts Robert Ritter (Henry Czerny), the CIA deputy director of operations, about unlawful activities in this movie based on Tom Clancy's novel. (Bruce McBroom)

CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER

★★★½

Directed by Phillip Noyce. Screenplay by Donald Stewart, Steven Zaillian and John Milius. Based on the novel by Tom Clancy. 144 minutes. Hebrew title: *Sakana Brura Umiyadit*. English dialogue. Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised.

Jack Ryan ..... Harrison Ford
Mr. Clark ..... Willem Defoe
Cathy Ryan ..... Anne Archer
Admiral James Greer ... James Earl Jones

With his steady gaze, concern-buckled brow and painfully modest demeanor, Harrison Ford seems the man most likely to play Thomas Jefferson in Hollywood's next triumphal bio-epic about the Founding Futhers.

But until some patriotic studio exec decides to develop that project, Ford will have to make do with roles like Jack Ryan, the principled CIA analyst he originally played in *Patriot Games* and who now returns in another Phillip Noyce rendition of a Tom Clancy best-seller, *Clear and Present Danger*.

Noyce and Clancy are lucky to have the actor. It's hard to think of anyone else who could make plausible Ryan's comic-book blend of selfless probity and wisdom.

Not only does Ford effortlessly embody his character's supreme compunction, he dignifies the whole film by lending a thinking, reticent presence to the most outlandish scenes of swashbuckling conspiracy. What, we keep asking, is a nice guy like this doing in such a venal place as the Washington of this movie?

"Truth needs a soldier," the film's poster sums it up with a pithy bit of boot-camp mumbo-jumbo that would be hilarious if it didn't seem so apt after Reagan, Bush and Ollie North.

For all the fanfares that sound and American flags that billow throughout this squarest of square movies, *Clear and Present Danger* does provide a surprisingly complex view of the webs of alliance and deception that may well govern US foreign policy.

At the start of *Danger*, Ryan is promoted to deputy director of intelligence and immediately finds himself caught in another thorny agency thicket, this time involving a Colombian drug cartel. An American businessman and his family have been murdered in what appears to be a retaliatory strike by the cartel's leader for a money-laundering deal gone sour.

These slayings wouldn't be cause for special alarm, except that this particular dead businessman was an old college buddy of the US president (played by Donald Moffat, who manages a marvelously wicked composite of the very worst traits of the last four or five real presidents).

Along with his concern for national security, the president has important things to consider, like pleasing the voters with strong displays of force – and revenge for the death of a good friend.

WITHOUT issuing a single official order, the chief executive manages to launch two different operations.

First, there's the constitutional approach, for which Jack Ryan is responsible. This legal course of action entails dry hearings before congressional subcommittees, as well as cautious fact-finding missions and bedside consultations with his mentor, the ailing, ethical Admiral James Greer. (Who else but James Earl Jones?)

Then there's the more aggressive, covert plan – or, in action-movie terms, the fun part. This scheme is cooked up behind Ryan's back by CIA director of operations Robert Ritter (Henry Czerny), with the help of an overly suntanned US agent, Mr. Clark (Willem Dafoe), who divides his time between training army snipers and lounging around Bogota bodegas in a sinister straw hat.

Needless to say, the two plans become tangled as the movie zooms along, and Ryan the full guy is forced to take steps that he didn't plan, like crawling through the South American brush with an automatic rifle slung over his shoulder, or hiding out from a crazed coca exporter in the darkened storeroom of a Colombian coffee factory.

This shifting of allegiances and hemispheres is plenty complicated, but Noyce's direction helps it glide by with sinuous logic, as does the trim script adapted from Clancy's novel by Donald Stewart, Steven Zaillian and John Milius.

The swift cuts between the White House and the drug lord's opulent hacienda, between the boulevards of Washington and the alleys of Bogota, make real the notion of the global village, where any foreign capital is but a modem or a smart bomb away.

Unlike certain other Clancy products, the movie doesn't bog down in a swamp of military nuts and bolts, but uses army fiber optics and fiery gizmos to implicate the characters in juicy cover-ups.

Perhaps that's the real danger the title suggests. Satellite technology and sophisticated communications systems propel the action forward with superhuman ease, while they also increase the potential for all sorts of shadowy – and all too human – bonds and betrayals.

Mission possible for Swingles

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE group famed for turning J.S. Bach into breezy contrapuntal fodder on pop radio in the Sixties, The Swingle Singers, has reformed and is currently touring here with the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba.

"These are the voyages of the star group Swingles," they intone in an arrangement of the *Star Trek* theme on the London-based group's latest album, *Notoriety*.

Their mission is "to explore strange new sounds, to seek out new songs and new arrangements, to sing what no man has sung before."

Les Swingle Singers, as they were first known, were created by Ward Swingle in Paris in 1963. In 1972 Swingle moved to England after the original ensemble disbanded and created another Swingle Singers, according to director Jonathan Rathbone.

This group was occasionally known as Swingle II and later on named the New Swingle Singers.

"People even just called us the Swingles. But our agent suggested we need to have the word 'Singers' in our name. Otherwise we would be thought of as an entirely pop group."

The original ensemble was jazz oriented and concentrated on the music of Bach. Once in England, Swingle chose classically trained singers, and the repertoire widened considerably.

When Swingle retired in 1984, the group continued to perform under Rathbone.

The eclectic bunch of singers in their mid- to late twenties sing a variety of songs from Rossini to Mancini and from Bach to the Beatles via Irving Berlin.

The group tackles everything from lieder to folk songs, from classical music to more popular tunes. They also have their special way of presenting Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* replete with "cannons," which has become one of their most popular numbers.

This particular eightsome has been together for 18 months and each, according to Rathbone, is irreplaceable – at least on short notice.

"There isn't a pool of singers we can draw upon to jump in. We rehearse a lot for each number and a new man will mean many new rehearsals. But we have occasionally filled in for each other in performance when needed. And we just carry on, even when we are sick."

The Swingle Singers are famous for singing both vocal parts and "orchestral" accompaniment. Today, they do less instrumental imitation. "Instead, we are singing the instrumental lines as well," Rathbone says.

The reason, he says, is obvious. "The human voice is the nicest instrument around." The Swingle Singers always perform with microphones, whether singing a-cappella or with a symphony orchestra.

"It may seem louder," Rathbone says, "but in fact it's more intimate. With a mike it's like you whisper in the ear of everyone in the audience." The mike gives them control of acoustics, he adds. "Take the mikes away and we are like any other choir."

The Swingle Singers believe that it is important to popularize classical music. They not only perform classical tunes with their own special twist; they also sell sheet music of their arrangements so they can be performed by other ensembles.

The Swingle Singers have performed many times here during various stages of the group's career. Now they are back as guests of the *Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba* under the baton of Uri Meir in Bruhms's *Liebeslieder Waltzer* and Vaughan Williams's *Serenade to Music*. They also present a mini-version of their a-cappella program.

Concerts are scheduled for tomorrow and Wednesday in Beersheba, Saturday at the Henry Crown Concert Hall in J'lem and October 4 at Jaffa's Noga Theater.

Acre Festival: More good humor than good theater

HELEN KAYE

HATS were the hit at this year's Acre Festival. Flat hats and round hats, Mad Hatter hats and hats the Wicked Witch of the West would die for.

The myriad kids, who always throng this alternative-theater festival, proudly wore their multihued headgear, which bobbed amid the huge crowds.

Good humor and action were everywhere in Acre, outside at street shows and inside the small theaters. There were 36 venues to house the plays, performance art, installations, happenings and all the other types of productions that are lumped under the title of "alternative theater."

Acre Festival producer Yankele Agmon doesn't like the term "fringe" for the festival, because its Hebrew translation *shulayim* means "on the margins."

Instead, he calls it noninstitutional theater. Never mind that institutions such as the Cameri or Kibbutz theaters funded some of the productions, or that a good few of the festival productions were created with the clear intent of life after Acre.

Tickets were required for 28 productions, while about 16 free shows were billed as street theater.

FOR THE past two years, every production has been eligible for the prize.

The winners this year were *Vekach Namshich* ("That's How It'll Be") and *1:10*, a fire spectacular by the Zik Group. They shared NIS 30,000 in prize money. The runners-up were *Zrihat Hadimdumim* ("Twilight Rising") by Neta Plotsky and *Hanoch* by the Matatron Theater.

One critic called *Vekach Namshich* the sort of production for which the festival was created. The writer, director and designer is Martin Magilner. He and the seven-person group who created *Vekach Namshich* are all between 18 and 20 years old.

1:10 is a multimedia show comprising video, music, slides and the construction of a statue which is then burned. Zik performed at the Israel Festival earlier this year.

This year's judges were Nava Zuckerman, Ruth Kanner, Dina Bley and Semadar Ma'ayan.

Zuckerman said she has been at festivals all over the world with her company, Tmuna, and that this Acre Festival proudly compared with the level of fringe theater anywhere in the world.

However, if her criterion of excellence is fringe around the world, then that form of theater must be in trouble. Very little of what I saw at the Acre Festival could rate as a genuine theatrical experience. Of the 28 productions on offer, I managed to cram 12 into the two and a half days I was there, plus a few street-theater productions.

Plotsky's *Twilight Rising* and Heni Hame'agel's *Profanation* (*Hilul*) illustrate two extremes.

Plotsky is one of the most consistently original, exciting and underrated theater artists around. This year she took a bunch of local Acre kids, both Jewish and Arab, and with them explored the meaning of communication using mental illness as a metaphor.

The kids ran, rolled, touched, whispered, screamed and spoke with the audience, but there was total control, total discipline combined with equally total openness.

OTHER SHOWS approaching that level were the whimsical *The Birth of Apollo*, performance art by Dina Blich and associates. It invited spectators into a gallery where the works came off the walls, as it were, to illustrate human foibles.

There was also the well-meaning *Children of the Heart*, a dramatization by Gai Or of David Grossman's novel *See: Under Love*, whose central theme is humanity versus its denial.

At the other end of the scale, *Profanation* takes on the world's religions.

The show's title is apt because it profanes the viewers' intelligence and patience. It is a clever, shallow parade only of Hame'agel's prolific inventiveness. The scantily clad girls, digs at religion and the religious, magic tricks and rock music belabor the obvious and ultimately bore.

Crown Royal, written and directed by Yosefa Even-Shoshan, is a play seemingly about the sexual fantasies of the mystic and poet Shlomo Ibn-Gvirol. To get to our seats we had to take off our shoes and splash through water. Gimmicks cannot revive a show that has no strong central idea.

One is forced to ask where were the members of the artistic committee – all serious and experienced theater practitioners such as Dudu Ma'ayan of the Acre Theater Center or director Micki Gurevitch – when these shows were being developed.

Singer/actor Eli Gorenstein was one of the few people at Acre who actually seemed to be having fun. He is the undisputed star of the delightful *Kinneret Kinneret*, a musical version of the play by Natan Alterman.

So were the high-school actors of *Shomron Clouds*, a play about the Arab/Israeli conflict written and directed by David Steinberg that was as exciting to watch as a good murder mystery.

Theater is supposed to be fun, even if it is serious. A motto for Acre next year?



Sting managed to eliminate any sense of risk from his first concert here. (Stein/Harari)

Sting shifts J'lem show into automatic

CONCERT REVIEW

RUTH KERN

NEATNESS counted at Sting's concert in Sultan's Pool last week.

His slightly receding bottled-in-blond hair closely cropped, Sting was the model of sartorial sobriety. Over an open-necked black dress shirt, he sported the kind of black tails usually associated with wedding parties or concert pianists.

The staging was sharp and streamlined and the sound system pristine, picking up every syllable of his urgent, slightly raspy high-pitched delivery. The nonstop set – backed by a technically perfect, if less-than-swinging, band – was carefully balanced between drive-head syncopated rockers and more wistful, contemplative numbers.

On the one hand, all this ensures that the audience will get its money's worth. But, a slightly paint-by-the-numbers quality began to creep in toward the end of the nearly two-hour set.

Real spontaneity is a rare enough quality at rock and pop shows, but the suggestion of it – or of some sense of risk – helps keep concerts from turning into live-action videos.

Any such illusion that Sting's choice for his closing encore, "On and On," which decries violence, was a spur-of-the-moment response to his much-contested surroundings was destroyed by star-like points of light projected at the back of the stage – clearly intended to complement those particular lyrics.

And why, oh why, did he not sing "I'm Mad About You" with its opening line of "A stone's throw from Jerusalem"?

Sting may have had his reasons, but it felt like a deliberate act of emotional withholding. And his inclusion of a jazzed-up version of the nihilistic Lennon/McCartney classic "A Day in the Life" seemed perverse.

There were some wonderful moments, however. The winsome quality of Sting's ballads came through touchingly. And the full moon – at which he politely howled – was a perfect backdrop to his lyrics' many references to nature.

Diva Norman to solo with IPO

IF ever an announcement deserved a fanfare, this is it.

Soprano Jessye Norman will sing two concerts with the Israel Philharmonic conducted by Zubin Mehta at the Mann Auditorium on October 18 and 20. She will sing excerpts from *Carmen* and *Samson and Delilah*, and songs by Richard Strauss.

Norman has performed here only once, in 1974, when she sang Schoenberg's *Gurrelieder* at the Israel Festival. "There are many superb singers," says conductor Kurt Masur, "but there is only one Jessye Norman."

Helen Kaye

War crimes so long after the fact

HELEN KAYE

IT'S proof that the prosecutor (Shalom Shmuelov) wants from Peter Finkelgruen, legal proof that one Anton Malott beat his grandfather to death at the Teresienstadt concentration camp in the presence of witnesses.

"Was one of these a licensed physician?" demands the prosecutor of the frustrated and furious Peter (Yehuda Almagor), "and was there anyone among those self-styled witnesses who examined your grandfather immediately after the beating... and established that the beating was the cause of death...?"

The play is *Nice Tony (Tony Hayafeh)*, written and directed by Yehoshua Sobol, and it opened on Saturday at Rebecca Crown in the Jerusalem Theater.

It's based on Finkelgruen's 1992 book *Haus Deutschland* (Germany House) which traces his ultimately fruitless attempt to bring Malott to justice for his grandfather's murder.

Nice Tony ranges through time and space, juxtaposing past and present, protagonist and antagonist, inexorably painting the complete canvas of his grandfather's murder by the SS thug Malott, now 75 and facing possible prosecution.

The set, by Adrian Vaux, was inspired by a photograph of archives from World War II, is of "a labyrinth, row after row of shelves," says the designer, who's worked on several Sobol plays.

"The imagery throughout is of lives in boxes, a metaphor for the incredible efficiency of the German machine which documented all its crimes."

"If this were another confrontation of Jew and German, of victim and victimizer," says Almagor, who returned last January from two and a half years in Germany, "I wouldn't have taken the role [of Peter].

"I see the dramatic tension of this play as that between justice and public order. We look for justice, but the tragic truth is that in looking for public order we sacrifice the individual."

"One of the main questions in judicial philosophy is whether the law implies justice or good order," says Sobol. "When I was at the Sorbonne we had a lecture on [Czech-born jurist and philosopher Hans] Kelsen whose theories are based on the idea that the goal of justice is to maintain public order.

"When I became familiar with Finkelgruen's story, it was of Kelsen I thought."

For Sobol there was also an obvious parallel in the 1987 trial of John Demjanjuk, the opening sessions of which he watched. From the beginning Demjanjuk denied he was Ivan the Terrible who murdered and brutalized Jews in Treblinka.

"I said then," the playwright recalls, "that 50 years after the event, you can't prove that he's Ivan the Terrible if he says he isn't. This long after the event it's almost impossible to deal with these things through normal judicial procedure.

"There were times I felt that the trial almost became a farce. On the one hand [there was the eyewitness] evidence of all these atrocious crimes, and on the other, discussions on the transformations of a person's nose or ears from 20 to 60 years old."

Sobol agrees that on one level *Nice Tony* once again opens up the never-healing wound of the Holocaust. It simultaneously asks and answers why we keep doing this, why we don't just get on with our lives.

"In every story where there's guilt, there's a tendency to suppress, to forget, but because you can't forget you manipulate memory to its most superficial level. We all do that. The drama begins when an individual dives into the depths, and that's what happens to Peter."

It was Peter's wife Gertrude (Julie Goldstein-Erel) who almost forced her husband to go back into the story of his past. The irony is that Peter, the child of a German mother, isn't even halachically Jewish, and almost equally at stake "is the question of his, and by inference our, identity as human beings, not only as Jews," says Almagor.

Sobol has directed his own plays in Europe, most notably the internationally famous *Ghetto* (1984) which he first did in Essen in 1991, but this is the first time he's directed here.

He fusses a bit that "here we have no real rehearsal space, props or costumes and someone will come in shorts and sandals to play a Nazi clerk. With all that, he brightens, "the actors are very committed and very ready to do things."

"His are the sensitivities of a playwright whose frame of reference is the word and not the stage," says Almagor of his director, "and because he doesn't come from directing he's very open to dialogue with the actors. We've created the stage conception with him. He's wonderful to work with."

The real Peter Finkelgruen, who lived in Israel from 1981 to 1988, will be at opening night. The real Anton Malott, now 82, is maintained in a Munich nursing home at public expense and talks to no one about his past.

Nice Tony had its world premiere in Dusseldorf last June and the German judicial system has since reopened its file against Malott.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Deal allows import of 5,000 tons of potatoes

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Agriculture and Finance ministries yesterday agreed to allow the import of 5,000 tons of potatoes in an attempt to bring down vegetable prices.

Potato prices have increased 20 percent during the last few months, to a wholesale price of NIS 2.20 per kilo from NIS 1.80.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat decided to approve potato imports during a meeting intended to resolve disagreements between the two ministries.

At the meeting, Tsur said vegetable import laws restrict imports to long shelf life vegetables such as potatoes, onions and garlic.

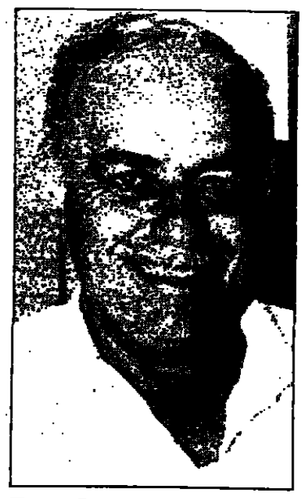
The Agriculture Ministry vegetation protection division prohibits the import of vegetables such as cucumbers, he said.

Tsur estimated the shortage of apples at 30,000-35,000 tons, while the shortage of pears is at 6,000 tons, despite the ministry's provision of licenses to import apples and pears.

So far, 24 importers have applied for licenses to import a total of 9,000 tons of apples and 900 tons of pears, Tsur said. The licenses are valid until January.

Zvi Alon, deputy managing director of the ministry's foreign trade division, said the relatively high price of apples in Europe has prevented importers from applying for licenses.

Alon said apple prices in Europe are expected to fall in the short run.



Tsur: Imports restricted to long shelf life vegetables. (IPPA)

Shohat denied Tsur's request to receive a budget increase for 1995. Instead, he agreed to consider raising the budget allocated to a few agriculture fields, which were included in the Agriculture Ministry's 1994 budget.

Banks raise prime to 17% following central bank's hike

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE five major banks announced yesterday they would raise their prime lending rates to 17 percent on Friday in response to the Bank of Israel's rate hike.

Bank Leumi was the first to announce the rate hike, while Bank Hapoalim, Bank Discount, First International Bank and United Mizrahi Bank quickly followed.

Leumi and Hapoalim said they would raise their prime lending rates 1.5 percentage points, from 15.5% to 17%.

Discount, First International and Mizrahi said they would raise their prime lending rates 1.7% points, from 15.3% to 17%.

The risk premium and interest rate on borrowing in excess of the approved line of credit will remain the same.

A Mizrahi bank spokesman said the commercial banks' decision to raise prime lending rates will not have a direct influence on mortgage payments, which are linked to the Consumer Price Index or cost of housing index.

"The change in the prime rate does not have a direct influence on a person with a mortgage contract, but persons who take out mortgages in the near future are expected to suffer," a Mizrahi Bank spokesman said. "I expect the mortgage banks will follow the commercial banks and raise their lending rates."

Updated bank overdraft rates

	Mizrahi %	Leumi %	Hapoalim %	Discount %	First Int'l %
Prime Rate	17	17	17	17	17
Risk Premium	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Advance Commission	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Total Authorized	21	21	21	21	21
Unauthorized	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.4	2.5
Total Unauthorized	22	22	21.6	21.9	22

Business, labor leaders lash out at gov't

RACHEL NEIMAN, GALIT LIPKIS BECK and MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE business community and labor leaders lashed out at the government yesterday following the Bank of Israel's decision to raise interest rates.

Chambers of Commerce President Dan Gillerman called the rise in rates "an expression and result of government oversights and negligence in its battle against inflation."

Gillerman said the Bank of Israel was the only institution trying to wrangle with the problem of accelerated inflation.

Instead of taking measures integrated with those of the bank, he said the government engaged in endless debate without result.

"In the last weeks it is the government itself which is the primary contributing factor to increasing inflation," Gillerman said. "The price of telephone service has risen five percent, public transportation 8% and kindergartens 14%. These price rises on their own will contribute a 0.4% increase to the September Consumer Price Index."

This, together with runaway housing prices and public sector wage increases, will influence demand and the price of other goods and services, Gillerman said.

He has called on the government to take steps to halt rising prices.

Manufactures Association President Dan Propper said the Bank of Israel's method of dealing with inflation will lead to a slowdown in economic activity and a recession in the long run.

Propper said the Bank of Israel has to take other measures besides raising interest rates to reduce inflation.

"Raising rates is good medicine to reduce the fever, but it does not solve the root of the problem," he said. "The trade balance is the problem, not inflation. The root of the problem remains the cost of housing and increase in the price of products owned by the government. The government's treatment of the root problems is insufficient."

According to Propper, the economy's major problem is the balance of payments, especially the sharp rise in private consumption from imports and fall in exports.

Meanwhile, MK Amir Peretz, head of the Histadrut's trade union section, said the move is a severe blow to the country's employees, most of whom earn average wages and have difficulties in making ends meet.

Peretz said the rise would affect those paying a mortgage by hiking their payments, which already constitute a considerable chunk of their expenses.

Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish warned that the hike is likely to harm economic growth and bring about a recession.

"In the absence of a joint and coordinated policy between the Bank of Israel, the Treasury and the other economic ministries – a policy that will insure a balance between the required steps to curb inflation and the vital steps to insure economic expansion – exports, which are the main source of growth, will be hurt," Harish said.

Jose Rosenfeld contributed to this report.

Lannet Data Communications consolidates marketing in new unit

RACHEL NEIMAN

LANNET Data Communications announced yesterday it would be consolidating all marketing under one roof.

The new Global Marketing and Business Development unit will be responsible for strategic partnerships, new product planning and launches, promotion, channel marketing and advertising.

Avi Fogel, formerly president and CEO of the company's North American subsidiary, has been promoted to executive vice president in charge of the new unit.

Fogel set up Lannet's initial sales and marketing operation in 1987 and founded the North American subsidiary in 1990.

He will continue to be based at Lannet US headquarters in Irvine, California, with five teams based in both Israel and the US reporting to him.

The announcement follows staff increases in all areas of marketing and business development.

Lannet said it is seeking increased name recognition and market share for its switching hubs, used in computer networks.

"So far Lannet has been a 'best kept secret'" said Fogel, who said his strategy included "enhancing Lannet's advantages through partnerships and innovative, market-driven products."

President and CEO Benny Hanigal said the company, which had grown based on the innovation of its research and development group, was now "aggressively pursing market share growth," orienting itself around a mass-marketing approach "in order to remain competitive."

As part of the new policy, Lannet has intensified global advertising over the past year.

It was alsorecently featured on the covers of two industry publications.

The company has named William Atkinson, a former sales executive at US-based high-tech firms Tekelac and Fibermux, as new president and CEO of its North American subsidiary.

'Water rate hike to hurt industry'

A 33.7 percent increase in the price of water to industrial firms will raise their costs by about NIS 25 million annually, Manufacturers Association President Dan Propper said yesterday.

He called on the government to cancel the decision, which will increase rates to 93.6 agorot per cube meter from 70 by June 1996 and hike industrial firms' operating costs by 35%.

IBM buys 27.3% of outstanding Comtec shares

RACHEL NEIMAN

IBM (Israel) will buy 27.3 percent of the shares outstanding in local software firm Comtec, becoming its principal shareholder, the companies announced yesterday.

Twenty percent of the shares will be purchased from Hassneh Holdings for some $1.5 million, while 7.3% of the shares will be issued as a private placement in return for an NIS 265,000 investment.

In return, IBM has obligated itself to increasing Comtec's annual turnover by $7m. within five years. IBM will also take an active role in Comtec management, for which the smaller firm will pay $160,000 in annual management fees.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Rokonet wins tender from Finnish army: Defense and security developer Rokonet has won a tender to provide the Finnish army with infra-red detectors. One key criterion laid out by the tender offer was the ability for systems to withstand severe cold.

Alliance expects to triple exports of high flotation tires: Tire company Alliance expects to increase its exports in high floatation tires this year to $10 million from $3m. in 1993. The extra-wide, low pressure tires, used in heavy agricultural machinery, "float" rather than penetrate the earth's surface, meeting the European Community's standards for conservation of arable land.

Polyziv Plastic signs five-year deal with French firm: Polyziv Plastic has completed its first shipment of pallets to French agricultural packing firm Fraiche-Palet.

The unique design, to be used in transporting goods between packing houses and retail outlets, was developed to meet the French client's specific needs. The five-year agreement will bring Polyziv $800,000 in revenues for the first year and up to $1.5m. for each following year.

BG Polymers to provide BG Bond to China: BG Polymers has announced it is ready to sign a $1.8 million deal to provide BG Bond to China. The acrylic additive to construction materials renders them stronger and less water permeable.

Mul-T-Lock buys production line for subsidiary: Mul-T-Lock has announced the purchase of a production line for a subsidiary company, in which Mul-T-Lock holds 55 percent. The new machinery, for the manufacture of security doors and windows, represents an investment of $950,000. An additional $500,000 investment will be made in inventory.

Taste of Israel gets order for Christmas chocolates from CIS: Taste of Israel has received a $3.5 million order for Christmas chocolates from the CIS. Managing director Leonard Sackstein said that 75 percent of Taste of Israel's exports now go to the CIS. The company established warehouses in Moscow over a year ago, employing some 25 locals.

C. Mer wins contract: C. Mer Industries has won a NIS 1 million contract to provide computerized surveillance systems to the Nesher Plaster works in Ramle. The system combines closed-circuit TV cameras with the factory's inspection system.

Intereureka to visit trade shows: Intereureka International Business Intelligence, a local firm which specializes in gathering information from all parts of the globe, will now visit trade shows for clients.

The new service provides input from 50 representatives located in major world centers. Intereureka managing director Haim Barnea said the service allowed members of the Israeli business community to increase the rate at which they "visit" international exhibits.

4th Dimension Software unveils Enterprise ControlStation: 4th Dimension Software has unveiled its Enterprise ControlStation for Hewlett Packard-based organizations, providing HP UNIX customers with the capability to manage multiple platforms from a central HP-UX platform.

It will also be able to support IBM's MVS/ESA Version 5 release 2 operating system, which was launched recently. With this support, the company's family of CONTROL products will be compatible with any new versions of the MVS system.

Elron in strategic partnership with New York-based firm: Elron has announced a strategic partnership with New York-based Advanced Network Systems for development of ElroNet wide band international service network. Abe Peled, Elron VP for business development, said terms of the agreement allowed his company to market ANS services to Israeli firms with branch offices in the US.

ANS will market similar services to American firms wishing to do business with Israel. There are currently some 200 companies in this group, of which 60 are traded in New York.

Abeles tells High Court Ofer should be allowed to bid for Bank Mizrahi

EVELYN GORDON

YULI Ofer will completely distance himself from the management of Bank Mizrahi if the group of which he is a part wins the right to purchase the bank, Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

Abeles was responding to a petition by Daniel Harson, a Mizrahi customer, asking that Ofer be denied a permit to buy the bank on the grounds that his past record made him an inappropriate bank-owner.

Included in this record were Ofer's failure to prevent or even foresee the collapse of the Hassneh insurance company, an indictment for falsifying tax records and allegations that he bribed Herzliya Mayor Eli Landau to allow him to build more than building codes permitted on land he owned near the Herzliya marina.

In his declaration to the court, Abeles said all these arguments were irrelevant, because Ofer had promised that if his group won, he would not get involved in the bank's management – either directly, by being on the board of directors, or indirectly, via the companies he controls.

The Bank of Israel's licensing committee – a group of outside experts which by law is required to advise the central bank's governor on whether to grant banking licenses – had made this a condition for approving a permit for Ofer's group, according to the central bank spokesman.

Abeles also noted that Ofer's actual share in the bidding group is negligible.

The group consists of Muzi Wertheim, chairman of the Central Bottling Co., and several companies which are controlled, but not necessarily wholly owned, by Ofer and his brother, Sami.

This also makes the petition's arguments about Ofer's suitability to run a bank irrelevant, Abeles said.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (22.9.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.375	4.750	5.250
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.250	4.575	5.075
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.250	4.750
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.000	3.375	3.750
Yen (10 million yen)	0.625	0.750	1.000

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (23.9.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3490	3.3960	—	—	3.3794
U.S. dollar	2.9940	3.0363	2.84	3.08	3.0200
German mark	1.9360	1.9633	1.90	1.99	1.9542
Pound sterling	4.7245	4.7913	4.63	4.85	4.7841
French franc	0.5683	0.5743	0.55	0.58	0.5715
Japanese yen (100)	3.0504	3.0935	3.00	3.14	3.0900
Dutch florin	1.7286	1.7512	1.70	1.78	1.7422
Swiss franc	2.3301	2.3691	2.29	2.40	2.3529
Swedish krone	0.4014	0.4071	0.39	0.41	0.4051
Norwegian krone	0.4416	0.4478	0.43	0.45	0.4455
Danish krone	0.4823	0.4892	0.48	0.51	0.4866
Finnish mark	0.6085	0.6171	0.60	0.63	0.6148
Canadian dollar	2.2283	2.2598	2.19	2.29	2.2475
Australian dollar	2.2030	2.2341	2.14	2.27	2.2319
S. African rand	0.8453	0.8573	0.69	0.88	0.8564
Belgian franc (10)	0.9412	0.9545	0.92	0.97	0.9496
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7508	2.7897	2.70	2.83	2.7757
Italian lira (1000)	1.9174	1.9445	1.87	1.98	1.9321
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.20	4.48	4.2582
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.86	0.91	0.9815
ECU	3.6934	3.7456	—	—	3.7260
Irish punt	4.6981	4.7321	4.56	4.84	4.7050
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IMF prepares handout of funds to Third World

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – The International Monetary Fund is certain to decide at its upcoming annual meeting in Madrid to hand out billions of dollars to developing countries and former East Bloc nations without any strings attached, a senior official said yesterday.

The only questions remaining are the size and the scope of the hand-out, the senior IMF official, who declined to be named, told reporters ahead of the start of the IMF/World Bank joint annual meeting later this week in Madrid.

The meeting will bring together economic policy-makers and private financiers from more than 175 countries for talks on everything from the economic outlook in rich industrial nations to the plight of the poor in Africa and Asia.

IMF managing director Michel Camdessus is seeking agreement at the meeting on a plan to hand out $50 billion to all fund member nations through an issue of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), the IMF's artificial currency.

He argues that the money is needed to meet a growing worldwide demand for capital to finance future global growth.

But rich nations have opposed that plan, and instead have proposed a smaller SDR allocation of close to $24 billion, mostly aimed at helping new member nations such as Russia. That proposal would require an amendment to the fund's articles of agreement, a process that IMF officials say could two to three years.

Gold prices increase on fears of inflation

COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

GOLD prices moved up steadily throughout last week on the back of continuing inflation fears in the US and the weakening dollar.

The active December futures contract finally broke through the psychological barrier of $400 per ounce on Friday afternoon, before retreating to close at $399.60.

Several traders and analysts said gold's outlook remains positive, but it still faces stiff resistance immediately overhead.

"I think it's set to make further gains next week," one leading analyst said. A lack of heavy producer selling throughout the past few sessions indicated there may be more room to the upside, although December faces stiff resistance through the $405 level, he said.

However, some gold analysts said the buying appeared to be orchestrated toward priming spot gold to break $400.

"A lot of aggressive buying has been done to maximize impact, which argues for caution," one analyst said.

Meanwhile, technical analysts said gold was seriously overbought, which could possibly lead to a correction back to $395 support before again hitting the upside.

Looking ahead, dealers said the Federal Open Market Committee meeting scheduled for this week could also test the gold rally if US short-term interest rates were hiked to curb any inflation indication from a high gold price.

Base metals ended the session mostly unchanged after some of them set fresh highs for their current bull trend earlier on in the week.

Just before the close, Russian data was received which showed that exports of copper, aluminum and nickel were running well above 1993 levels in the January/August period.

This, coupled with the inevitable profit-taking after the previous week's sharp rises, pared gains slightly in all metals.

But, apart from speculators' technical aids, fundamentals are still helping to underpin higher prices, with constantly large warehouse stock rises now appearing to be a thing of the past in most metals.

Copper settled solidly higher, with the December contract once again breaking contract highs as it reached 119.60 cents a pound, up over 2-1/2 cents for the week on heavy commission house and fund buying.

Aluminum reached an almost four-year high of $1,636 per tonne before closing at $1,626, up over $20 for the week, while a planned output cut by Norway's Norzin for 1995 helped set the laggard zinc market alight as it reached an eight month high of $1,045 per tonne.

Courtesy Alan Schwartz, Comm-Stock Trading, Ltd.

Some 200 units sold at Ashdod apartment fair

REAL ESTATE ROUNDUP

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MORE than 200 housing units were sold for a total of some $30 million during the first three days of the Ashdod apartment fair, the municipality announced yesterday.

Construction companies, mortgage banks, industrial firms and businesses are participating in the Succot fair at the Lev Ashdod shopping mall.

The apartments and cottages were sold for between $98,000 and $240,000 per unit.

The municipality reported more than 30,000 visitors have attended the fair.

A new villa district will be constructed adjacent to the Agriculture Faculty in **Rehovot.**

The development, situated on 11 dunams, consists of between 100 square meter and 211 sq.m. cottages, which will be sold for about $300,000 per unit.

Ofakim's local council plans to sell 500 housing units to career soldiers in the framework of a new marketing scheme.

The council is offering for sale 126-sq.m., semi-detached units made of wood and plaster walls for $45,000.

The council has issued 150,000 prospectuses to career soldiers.

A. Dori has started foundation work in the **Ramat Modi'in development** in Modi'in. The company won a tender to construct 314 housing units on a total area of 34,000 sq.m.

Dori plans to construct three-, four-, four-and-a-half and five-room housing units in apartment blocks of three and four floors and also semi-detached cottages.

The company said the ground-floor apartments will have private gardens and some of the higher floor apartments will contain balconies. All the four-floor buildings will have an elevator.

The company is offering for sale a three-room, 78-sq.m. apartment for $120,000 and five-room, 127-sq.m. apartments for $165,000. The company expects total sales from the development to reach $40m.

A. Dori is one of the largest building companies in the country and is involved in a number of building projects, including construction of the Dan Eilat Hotel in Eilat, Bank Hapoalim's headquarters in Tel Aviv, Oz House, Paz Towers, Marom Towers in Ramat Gan and Ahuzat Hasharon in Ra'anana.

Greenberg supermarket chain has opened a new branch in Rehovot. The chain, which is owned by businessman Eliezer Fishman, has invested NIS 3m. in the branch, which is situated on 2,000 sq.m. in Rehovot's industrial zone.

The Greenberg chain owns branches in Kiryat Shmona, Tel Hanana, Sderot and Holon.

Beitili has opened its ninth branch in the Erim shopping mall in Kfar Sava, which is on 1,000 sq.m.

The company has rented the space from Dankner Investments and the Habas family, for $18 per sq.m., or six percent of sales turnover. The Beitili chain is owned by the Eitani family.

Shikun U'fitnah, the state-owned housing firm, has sold about half the apartments available for sale in the Beach Towers development in Kiryat Yam.

The company sold a three-room, 85.5-sq.m. apartment for $90,000, a three-and-a-half room, 101-sq.m. apartment for $101,000, and a four-room, 104-sq.m. apartment for 116,5000.

Diverse Lebanese groups unite to oppose Solidere

BEIRUT (Reuter) – Moslem radicals, conservative Christians and leftist politicians are rallying behind property owners who oppose Solidere, the $3 billion company rebuilding central Beirut, to try to oust Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Setting aside ideological differences, political rivals are seizing on the longstanding controversy over Solidere to attack the billionaire prime minister, whose brainchild it is.

Former owners and tenants in central Beirut have long campaigned against the company, which is taking over their property and demolishing much of it to make way for a futuristic new city center.

They are also angry that if they want to reclaim their buildings and develop them they have to buy them back from Solidere at 110 percent of their official estimated value and refurbish them within two years under strict guidelines.

So far Hariri and Solidere have ignored the opposition, accusing it of failing to offer any viable alternative to their plans, and have pushed ahead with the 25-year project to rebuild Beirut.

Politicians at an anti-Solidere meeting held in a Shi'ite mosque on Friday appeared more interested in the chance to hurt Hariri politically than in the specific issues troubling the property owners.

Hariri is Solidere's biggest shareholder with a $125 million stake in the company – the centerpiece of his drive to rebuild Lebanon from the ruins of the 1975-90 civil war.

He has pledged that his profits will go to the Hariri foundation for educating Lebanese students. But opponents play on his vast wealth to nurse suspicions among many Lebanese that he is bent on a massive real estate buy-up for himself and his Saudi Arabian friends.

"We are faced by a whale that is swallowing the country," leftist deputy Zaher Khatib told about 400 opponents of Solidere at the rally.

"The whale is this so-called company and its owner is Prime Minister Rafik Hariri."

Hariri, who made his $4 billion fortune in Saudi Arabia, has further aroused suspicion by pushing for privatization of public utilities as part of his ambitious plans for building a modern Lebanon.

Opponents say his two-year-old government is fixated on large-scale projects while ignoring the dramatic social and economic problems afflicting ordinary Lebanese.

"Everything inside us is endangered by this government and so is our political and civil future," Ali Ammar, a Hizbullah parliamentary deputy, told the gathering.

"The only solution is for this government to go and the prime minister must relieve us and take a rest," he told the cheering crowd.

Solidere was formed in May under a 1991 law approved by parliament.

One of the charges against it is that it underestimated the value of city center properties which it expropriated – under parliamentary authority – in return for company shares.

Property owners and tenants still living and working in rundown parts of the city center said Solidere wanted to throw them out of their homes and shops without offering an alternative.

"Do the people running... Solidere want to build skyscrapers while our families are thrown out on the streets?" asked Mahmoud Ramadan in a speech on behalf of owners.

Karim Pakradouni, secretary-general of the Christian Phalange Party, said Lebanon was heading for a "social explosion." The "dictatorship of the capital" symbolized by Hariri must be ended, he said.

"Solidere is a project for an economic and social disorder," he told the gathering.

Telephone fraud targets smaller firms

NEW YORK (Reuter) – As large firms get wise to the high-tech tricks of phone hackers, small businesses are becoming the main victims of telephone fraud, US experts in high-technology crime say.

Around $1.3 billion in phone service will be stolen through the use of customers' equipment this year, according to a survey conducted by the publication Telecom & Network Security Review.

That is down from an estimated $2b. lost last year, but experts say the figures do not tell the whole story. While losses have dropped, the number of victims has grown. Many more of them are small businesses – the least able to afford the hit.

Toll fraud, the theft of long-distance services, has been around almost as long as long-distance service has.

But the art advanced as phone hackers got into the game with computers and modems in the 1970s. Using options such as voice mail and remote access, hackers have found ways to enter phone systems to make long-distance calls for free.

High-tech options at first were only available in the most sophisticated equipment, used by large corporations.

But because these businesses could devote resources and full-time employees to oversee security, it was relatively difficult for hackers to break into the system unnoticed.

But with voice mail, remote access, call forwarding and other options becoming standard in most systems, hackers are increasingly targeting smaller firms where security is not so tight, according to John Haugh, editor of *Telecom & Network Security Review.*

"Your typical small user has no full-time person running the equipment," said Haugh. "If they do, he knows nothing about security."

But the trend in targeting smaller companies can also be seen as an encouraging sign in the battle against phone hacking.

Heightened awareness of hacking and tighter security has forced hackers to move to systems that are still open, said Kevin Hanley, marketing director for business security systems for AT&T Global Business Communications Systems, part of AT&T Corp.

Communications equipment makers and long-distance carriers intend to keep up the pressure.

AT&T Global has launched an investigative operation to monitor, track and catch phone-system abusers. It estimates that the crime costs an average of $20,000 every time a system is broken into, or "touched".

"We're in a shoot-out between 'high-tech cops', like AT&T, and 'high-tech robbers', who brazenly steal long-distance service from our business customers," said Hanley.

Phone hackers are enticed by the profits they can reap, said Michael Gogulski, a former hacker arrested in 1991 at age 19.

"There are real money opportunities out there," Gogulski said. "Before it was like war games, what's the [most] we can do, start World War III? Now, I could use the information to make a lot of money."

Hackers can sell access codes or passwords for up to 55,000, according to Gogulski. The lines are often used on the street for "call-sell operations," in which a phone call to anywhere in the world is sold for a flat fee at a pay phone or as a non-traceable way of making criminal contacts.

All companies – large and small – need to be educated on the risks, Hanley said. "Every company that has dial tone is vulnerable."

Borden, KKR sign definitive merger deal

CLEVELAND (Reuter) – Food and dairy giant Borden Inc. said over the weekend it signed a definitive merger agreement under which it will be acquired by buyout firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. for $14.25 a share, or about $2 billion in stock.

Under the deal, KKR would pay for Borden with stock in food and tobacco firm RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp., taken over five years ago by KKR in a record $25b. buyout.

"This merger is the best alternative for Borden shareholders," Borden chairman Frank Tasco said.

Borden said, however, its board would still be obligated to consider other credible offers. Investor Paul Kazarian has expressed an interest in the Columbus, Ohio-based company.

The KKR deal would link companies with two of the best known corporate symbols – Borden's Elsie the Cow and RJR's controversial Joe Camel cartoon advertisement for cigarettes.

But not everyone is toasting the marriage.

Borden shareholders have filed two class action lawsuits in a last-ditch effort to block the merger, contending Borden is worth more than KKR is offering in RJR stock.

Some major Borden shareholders have also objected to the KKR offer, including spokesmen for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the City of New York, whose pension funds own Borden stock.

The merger also faces a challenge by investor Kazarian and his Rhode Island firm Japonica Partners. Kazarian has expressed an interest in mounting a bid for Borden but has not outlined financing details.

"Financing shouldn't be an issue," he said when asked about financial backing in interview on CNBC Friday, referring to his record in previous deals.

Borden, whose products range from Cracker Jack candied popcorn to Elmer's glue, met last week with Kazarian, who expressed an interest in buying the company for $16 to $18 a share but did not make a concrete proposal.

Tasco has invited Kazarian to propose a specific offer, according to a letter from the company chairman to the investor.

"Mr. Kazarian is still free, if he has an offer, to bring it in to us," Borden spokesman Nick Jammartino said. "Neither he nor any other party has presented another offer."

Borden, whose products also include Eagle Brand condensed milk with the famous Elsie label, Borden and Meadow Gold dairy products, Wise snack foods and Creamette pasta, has been struggling with weak earnings.

In January it launched a restructuring aimed at selling off weak units and turning its profits around. Borden posted a restated loss for 1993 of $631 million, or $4.47 a share. Its dairy operation alone lost $35m. in 1993.

For KKR, the deal would be its biggest since it bought RJR Nabisco in a record $25b. buyout five years ago. It also would cut the firm's holding in food and tobacco giant RJR in half to $2b.

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Name	Price	%chg
FirstInt#2	2996	-37.5
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IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
LeumiW1		
MarkC	186.00	-2.9
OHH	137716	
Trade	712	-1.8
TradeC	176.50	-1.9

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	342136	-3.0
Carmel	800	-4.3
CarmCg	312	-4.9
Devel#3	18893	0.5
Fin#3	36048	-3.0
IndexM3	85529	-4.8
J IssC	127.00	-1.8
JiemBnk	307	-4.1
LeumiMBR	98949	-3.0
MishkanC	31392	-3.0
MishkanC	186.50	
Mizrhr	10985	-10.0
TefenotR	193781	-1.9

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shiton	8230	-5.0

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
IsraelBv1	1656	-8.0
Aranut	1681	
Ayalon	1230	
AyalonC	988	5.0
Eitan	320	-0.9
EitanC1	193.00	-0.8
Hadar1	1320	-3.0
Hadar$	1282	-1.3
HamshorC	200	-3.8
Hamshor1	1574	-2.2
HamshorS	1462	
MenoraH	1298	
MenoraH5	1230	-4.0
Phoenix1	4178	-6.0
Phoenix5	4044	-4.0
Shirar	818	-2.5
Zion5	9038	-3.0

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
hashmira	571	-4.0
kishuv	1408	-9.0
Baran	1885	-3.0
BezeqN2	3000	-5.2
BndWrnC1	133.00	
BndWrnC2	125.00	0.4
BondWrh1 L	4325	-3.0
Clal@1	84385	-8.7
Clal Comp	21119	-4.0
ClalCmpC	204	
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GanHadar	373	-0.7
GanHadC	206	
GibbyC2	187.50	-0.8
GramaC1	119.00	-1.7
GramaW2	150.50	-4.1
HGBC1	128.00	-0.4
HGBW1	201	-6.2
HGR1	5628	-8.6
Inrgama1	45533	-2.3
Inrgama5	4428	
Lraz	1278	-4.3
Matil	1173	-0.5
MedTech	993	-1.0
MedtechW	1099	-7.0
MLLC1	170.00	2.1
Repac	1938	-3.5
Rishpi	1195.50	
RishpiC1	1110.50	
Team	3790	-4.0
TeamC1	184.00	-2.1
TeamC2		
Telgrs	1297	-4.0
Topline	393	-3.9
YgalCh	191.00	-0.4
Yhama	1358	
Yedan	908	
Yona	732	-16.0

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashoshank	277	-10.1
electrlop	1996	-4.0
Elron	536	-10.1
eplng	482	
elligr	306	-7.6
yehodael	431	0.2
AcharaC	127.00	
AshkdC		
AstrpomC2	19.80	
Atlantca	1400	-3.0
Atony	332	-4.3
AtonyW1		
Atuntr1L	14832	-2.0
Angel	12477	-0.8
Arijtman	650	-2.7
AryiC1	104.00	-1.9
Ashply	2497	-2.0
Ashplyc1	162.00	-0.3
AshplyW2	1714	-2.0
AshtrmW1		
Ashtrom	443	-2.0
Atzmon	523	
AtzmonW1	282	-5.7
Azorsuth	580	
Balmon	479	-4.0
BoulosC1	202	-5.2
Cables C2	287	
CablesC3	125.00	-2.0
CablesW3	228	
Carolina	1216	-3.0
Cargal	1628	-2.0
Castro	1710	-0.2
Cham	595	-0.2
GidSrC	297	-10.0
GidSrG1	2520	-10.0
Clnd C8	182.00	-4.0
CycloneW	8303	-2.0
Cyclone1	13299	
Cyclone5	8958	-4.7
CyclonC1	156.00	-0.2
CyclonC2	134.00	-2.9
Dafronc	176.00	-1.1
DafronW2	1883	-0.5
Dalron1	3811	
Dedalon	507	-0.6
Degem1	1297	-2.0
Delta 1	1458	-2.7
Delta3	1426	-2.5
Dubek$	12129	-4.2
DubekR	12582	-4.2
EagleC		
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	36.90	
Eagle1	92.00	
Eagle	333	
EdgarC2	127.00	-4.9
EldanTec	81.00	8.7
ElbitW1	15119	-8.0
Elcalnd	5805	
Elcmcs	976	
ElectrW1	20.20	-71.9
Elcor 0.5	9189	-3.3
ElectrG4	326	1.6
ElitaC	279	1.1
ElrntRstc	585	-10.0
Enrot	454	-2.2
Fertzr5	2296	-2.5
Fertl3 1	2575	-6.7
FeuchtWt	8501	
FeuchtW5	5810	-2.0
Five J	321	-1.2
FrutarC1	202	-2.8
FrutarC2	190.00	-2.8
GaborG1	63.60	-1.2
GaborSab	523	1.9
GaborW2	737	
Golan	1009	-2.0
Hamashl	2570	-1.0
Hashofr1	467	
HashofS5	239	-2.6
Hod	370	-0.5
Holit	197.50	-3.2
IsrCem1	3074	-3.0
Jet-ex	862	-3.0
Kassarny1	405	-10.0
Kedem	6764	
KedemC2	192.00	
Koor	7539	-4.9
KoorC1	139.50	-1.1
KtanW1		
Kitil	2701	
Kitil5	2498	-2.5
Lipski	2815	-3.0
Lodzia1	1737	-0.2
Lodzia4	1232	-2.0
LunarGal	262	-10.0
MacPes	365	2.0
Magara	482	1.9
Maarsur1	1801	
Maarsur$	1502	
Mel Edan	850	-3.3
Mordgal	1097	
Mozarca1	550	-4.9
Mozarca5	447	-4.9
NegCeram	421	
Nehushtl	1412	-10.0
Nehushts	959	-4.2
Novcot	1347	2.6
NovcotW1		
Nice1	2365	17.2
NMC	556	-3.8
Oils	1268	-1.5
Opher	221	
Orbit1	432	-0.7
Orlev	540	-3.9
PackerW2	9558	-1.0
Pargod	1856	-10.0
PazCrien	516	-2.1
Pelc	852	-0.2
PolgatA	472	
PolgatC1	169.00	-3.9
Polygon	836	-7.0
PolygonC	168.50	-2.6
PORI	865	
Rekanlev	344	-10.0
RekanlxW	362	-16.9
Sanikolt	651	-4.0
Sano1	1429	2.0
Sano5	1334	-2.0
Sefen	526	-8.7
Shomen	12435	-5.0
Spctrnr	411	
Stasi	202	-4.3
Sunfrost	10948	-1.0
Tasi	59181	-4.7
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Unitex$	485	-2.5
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Vulcan	238	
VulcanC	183.50	
Wardinon	19302	-3.5
WardinW3	11514	-5.7
YbngC2	382	-2.8
Zohar	376	
Zrka1	1700	-5.2
Zrka5	1631	-5.0
Zrka1	4518	-1.0
Zrka5	4382	-2.0
ZionCab1	1178	-3.0
Zohanrd	583	-2.8

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
Jacobshr	265	
Israel	416	-7.9
Izarbal	908	-8.0
watson	98833	-2.0
y.stareg	270	-10.0
Alrov	2129	-1.0
AlrovC		
AlrovW1L	686	-6.5
Arazim	304	-1.9
Arazim C1	171.50	-3.1
Atidam1	1382	-8.0
Azrie	2602	-3.0
AzrieC4	189.50	-8.0
AzrieW2	1458	-10.2
Azrieta	1201	-0.7
AzrietaC1	253	-2.1
AzorprC1	253	
AzorProp	601	-2.0
Berand1	1827	-5.0
Bayside5	34390	-2.5
BeyarC1	329118	-5.0
BenYakar	3139	
BenYakW1	1327	-5.2
BenYhar C	79.50	
BldgRes	9235	
Canstar	2117	-4.8
DanKner	1847	-3.2
DanKnerC	165.50	0.8
Darad1	284	-5.9
Dunpar	5877	
DunparCw	452	
Engel	703	-8.2
GoldHous	337	3.4
GldHousC	189.50	
Ispro	2769	-5.0
Ituralom	1959	-5.0
IturalomC	226	-3.0
IturalomW	1973	-3.0
IsrasG1	193.50	0.5
Isras0.5	9105	
Isras1	8585	-9.2
ICPS	25978	-1.3
Jaysour1	284	-8.8
Jordan	581	-3.2
Lazar1	1693.50	
Lazarick	348	-3.3
Litshiz5	215	-0.5
Lumar1	5359	-2.5
MalibuG		
MalibuC2	113.00	0.9
Malibu1	870	-10.0
MerLazC	208	-0.8
MerLazC2	88.00	1.1
MerLazW3	430	-2.1
Mirrav	9723	-9.5
Mishmar	365	-7.4
MTM	3281	-0.2
NaotAmv	1736	-2.5
NaotC	1228	
RadSea	842	-4.0
RogovA1L	1228	-1.0
Rogovn5	1259	
Rotem	698	-5.7
SaharHal		
Secron	344	-7.5
Shaved	841	-3.0
Tashuv	908	-2.0

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
IB	1478	-2.0
Ackerl1	1292	-1.5
Ackers2	1201	-0.2
AtrierC	638	-3.8
Arrpa	147577	-2.0
Arad	7549	
Azr Ac2	211	
Clal#3	3437	-5.2
Clal50	8341	-3.0
DanserC	225	-8.9
Danser1	3272	
Elem	4599	-1.2
Emeh	285	2.9
ExportC4	283	-2.1
EzraG1		
Hilan	489	-9.4
HilanW	413	-4.0
Hiron5	9143	-3.0
Ispal	1758	-1.0
IDLD8	194.50	+1.8
JoelC1	178.00	-1.1
JoelC1A	172.50	-5.0
Kardan1	692	
KardanG2		
Klal	848	-7.2
Magar1	2883	-5.0
Magar5	2544	-9.2
Mulat	991	-8.5
OsdC1	132.00	-2.9
OsdW1	6121	-7.9
Oter	17292	-3.0
Perrse0 1	1674	-10.0
Rim1	586	
Rim4	554	
SaharDev	2796	0.3
Securits	3021	-2.0
SecuritsC	127.00	-2.3
SecuritsW	892	-10.3
SAPANHASP	1108	-0.3
TayaC	345	-0.3
TzurC1	181.50	
TzurShtar	1063.50	-3.2
Unico	7470	-8.8

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGN1	9140	-10.0

PARALLEL LIST

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
atsrtrs	732	-4.8
arkia	1098	-3.0
gilat	926	-0.5
ilcorp	215	
ossbarns	308	-3.1
ruvsarsha	975	-1.0
mvsys	3157	-2.3
redseand	443	-4.3
tsn	572	-4.0
AtlanW1	1432	-14.0
Comtec	879	
Delet	5.80	-3.3
Danel	1513	-2.0
Bezq	1397	
Elsech	577	-4.9
Greenbrg	849	
ILDCHOT	547	-1.6
Kind	392	-4.9
Kopel	366	-0.8
KopelC1	163.00	
MIZPK	909	
Nirun1	394	-3.0
Regency Ho	236	
TrendLin	1274	-2.0

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
s.con	277	-1.1
alonhatz	114.50	0.4
grandctr	235	-0.4
gondor	1004	-5.0
Adar	2232	-10.0
Ben—Tzvi	1933	-10.0
Casseret	8397	-0.5
Danly	8209	-3.3
Gazit	787	-2.0
GazitW1	564	-3.5
GlbalC1	2032	-1.5
Lazarich	391	-4.0
Lwrstn1	894	
Melkron	1072	-3.2
Oz	295	-2.1
Rassco	3718	-10.0
Scandia	208	
ScandiaC	123.00	
UnicrnG1	114.50	
Unicorn1	142.50	-0.3
Unicorn5	149.00	2.8
UnicrnW3	83.50	

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
shoodegn	226	-8.9
jacoonsign	463	
tpmsn	1884	-1.2
maamund	803	-2.8
nsco	1901	-0.8
prsytan	2637	-2.8
rtechnet	2795	-3.0
techsn	530	-1.3
transuer	973	-5.3
vtentpx	2808	-17.1
zrmvpal	1940	
Adumim1	330	-0.3
Baruch1	2284	9.7
Baruch5	882	-5.5
Brosh1	230	-0.5
Dorbar	2074	-8.2
Elsan	228	
Gsf	135.00	-2.6
King1	887	-1.2
Lahish1	4468	2.0
MamCn	135.50	-2.2
Man1	477	
MLT	1240	-4.0
Neot	35600	
NeotG1	238	
Oholei$	832	
Orasz	478	3.0
OrszzC	113.00	
OrszPrnc	3450	
PgBM1	774	-3.8
Shkmot	217	-1.4
Tasia	1161	-5.0
TibrvG1		

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
darbun1	2812	-10.0
Ilrar	920	-10.0
maratnon	78.00	-0.8
Adan	2243	-3.0
Bnyan	129750	
Hamlun	2425	
Mimgs	148.00	-5.1
MvtalkG1		
Optima	342	-7.6
Regent1	335	0.6
Yissum	145.50	-4.9

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
DRODEn1	3068	-4.2
Naptrne	59.00	-9.8

Two-sided trading

Name	AFTERNOON Price	% Change	Volume Shares	MORNING Price	% Change	Volume Shares
buildpr	787	-4.2	7200	785	-4.5	8911
nacional	1637	-1.2	12800	1823	-2.0	15209
Ablac	47.0	-3.5	180000	46.8	-3.9	408541
Ackerlin	631	-2.7	24000	630	-2.9	88281
Adacom	36.5			36.5		
Afris 0	483748	-4.0	296	470994	-2.5	162
Afrisr	443316	-3.5	184	450207	-2.0	276
Agan	4470	-2.0		4470	-2.0	11209
Agis	2349	-2.7	7200	2367	-2.0	6824
Aryt	698	-4.5		698	-4.5	16307
Avner	11.7	-3.0	120000	12.1		
Azorim	4707	-3.0	6800	4707	-3.0	7060
ALPM	14508	-3.2	2040	14545	-3.0	2109
Bezek	548	-2.5	153000	551	-2.0	413267
Boulo	283	-2.5	49500	284	-2.1	40633
Cables	1714	-0.2	5000	1718		34005
Clal Ele	32902	-3.0	990	32902	-3.0	661
Clal Tra	1084	-2.5	4500	1084	-2.5	29875
Clal 10	9185	-2.0	44460	9185	-2.0	12287
Clalins	1570	-2.0	27000	1570	-2.0	7500
Clalstr 5	2524	-7.7	3000	2517	-8.0	9897
Clinds	1923	-3.2	96800	1938	-2.5	71658
CohenDev	954	-6.5	4500	949	-7.0	8258
Dantsr 5	2578	-1.0	700	2578	-1.0	14427
Dead Sea	1254	-2.0	37500	1242	-3.0	16349
Delek	8222	-3.7	5600	8158	-4.5	2381
Discinv	22869	-3.2	14560	22928	-3.0	5206
Elbit	26167	-3.0	4970	25964	-3.8	3880
Elco	9728	-2.0	4320	9728	-2.0	2959
Elite 5	1524	-3.0	23000	1528	-2.7	24270
Elron	10799	-4.0	750	10799	-4.0	2542
Evergr n	2832	1.7	10500	2783		15565
Export	1845	-2.5	800	1845	-2.5	9371
Fibi	46889	-3.5	2520	45944	-5.0	906
Formula	1657	-2.2	2000	1657	-2.2	19746
Frstint1	33756	-2.7	100	33756	-2.8	159
Frstint5	30708	-2.5	605	30944	-1.7	530
Frutarom	1116	-5.0		1116	-5.0	11243
Gahslet	7215	-5.2	200	7215	-5.3	658
Granit	525	-3.7	120000	525	-3.7	74374
Hapoalim	417	-2.0	205000	416	-2.3	159121
Hapolm	10963	-3.0	5700	10983	-3.0	3826
IndBldg	424	-2.5	48000	426	-2.1	106157
IndDevBK	33578	-8.5	350	33484	-8.8	939
Isramco	17.0	-5.5	9310000	17.6	-2.2	8006532
IsrCorp1	25853	-3.5	960	25853	-3.5	650
IsrCorp5	25535	-3.0	65	25535	-3.0	2449
IsChem	248	-1.7	273000	246	-2.4	550201
IDB	1124	-3.0	238500	1133	-2.2

Frenkel shows he means business

ANALYSIS

NEIL COHEN

NO one likes higher interest rates, with the possible exception of risk averse savers.

For individuals they mean more expensive overdrafts, mortgages, credit card balances, car loans. For businesses they mean higher financing costs and hence lower profits.

Real interest rates (the nominal rate minus inflation) have bumped along at either zero or below for some time now. This gives people a big incentive to borrow money since they will be paying an effective interest rate of close to zero.

People were not slow to realize this and borrowed eagerly, to finance holidays, cars, and stock market speculation. Imports have risen strongly and surging local consumption has driven prices up. The savings rate, which finances long term economic investment, has dropped by 2%.

Not only was money cheap, but there was also plenty of it around, with all measures of the money supply growing strongly over the past year.

The Bank of Israel believes that with the economy continuing to grow strongly – closer to 7% than the 5.3% the Treasury was anticipating for the first half of the year – it is overheating. They feel that with the business sector pretty liquid, the chances of recession resulting from higher rates is slim.

The rate rise is partly aimed at the business sector, warning it to refrain from the kind of generosity displayed by the Treasury in the public sector wage settlements. The hike is also aimed at choking off import growth and trying to rein in the burgeoning balance of payments deficit – $2.9 billion in the first half of the year – while also attempting to muzzle demand for local goods and thereby reduce prices.

Frenkel may be tilting at windmills, but he is determined to demonstrate – to our trading partners as much as to his local audience – that he at least is prepared to do more than talk. However, if he has overestimated the economy's strength and people really start to feel some pain, that effect will really start to be felt some time in 1995, just as the government is cranking up its election campaign.

Ashdod man suspected in hooker's murder

AN Israeli, not a Rafiah resident as previously suspected, is now the prime suspect in the murder of prostitute Natasha Ivanov, 28. He was arrested yesterday.

Ivanov's body was discovered Friday, wrapped in a rug in a bedroom in her Ashdod apartment. Police waited outside the suspect's home all weekend, after concluding that the man, whose wife left him and took their daughter abroad with her, was the last person to be with Ivanov.

They finally apprehended him yesterday afternoon and brought him to Kiryat Gat Magistrate's Court two hours later. Police asked for a 15-day remand, telling the court he had been with the woman in her house the day before the murder. They added that there is evidence tying him to the murder.

"It's true I was with her in the house. I was tired after she asked me to buy her something. I remember that when I left the house, she stayed at the table. I didn't murder her," the suspect told the court.

Judge Revital Yaffe-Katz approved the police remand request, noting that there is evidence tying the suspect to the murder, but issued an order forbidding identification of the suspect or releasing any information about him.

Despite the latest development in the case, police have still not completely ruled out the possibility that the crime was nationalistically motivated. (Itim)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Elderly man run over

An 80-year-old man was run over and fatally injured by a tractor doing road work in Moshav Elyahin in the Sharon region.

The accident occurred when the tractor drove in reverse and hit the man. He died from his injuries at Hillel Yoffe Hospital. *Itim*

Search for Dakar to resume

The navy will soon resume searches for the missing submarine Dakar, navy commander Maj.-Gen. Ami Ayalon told the bereaved families at a meeting in Ashdod yesterday.

The submarine mysteriously disappeared in the Mediterranean on January 24, 1968 while sailing from Gibraltar to Haifa for a ceremonial reception. *Itim*

Suspected car thieves arrested

Police yesterday arrested two men on suspicion of belonging to a car-theft ring in the Central region.

A Rishon Lezion security patrol spotted two cars with the same license plate numbers and alerted police, who arrived and arrested the two suspects.

Police have found seven stolen new cars in the vicinity of the suspects' homes. Additional arrests are expected. *Itim*

Pupils seeking NIS 1.2m. in damages

A NIS 1.2 million damage suit has been filed against the Deir el-Asad local council in Haifa District Court on behalf of 123 elementary school pupils who suffered stomach poisoning in May 1990.

The pupils claimed they were poisoned when chemical materials and other substances were used in the school while they were there.

A lawyer for the school said the suit should be dismissed because it had been submitted by the school's parents association, while the law required such a suit to be filed by the pupils' parents, since they are minors. The court will hear the case at a later date.

Wouk to be honored here

Herman Wouk, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, will receive the Ot Hanagid award from Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital on Wednesday night.

The prestigious award will go to the author for his "great contribution to literature and his abiding love for the Jewish people and the city of Jerusalem."

Plane spots distressed hikers

An Arkia airplane heading towards Eilat last night spotted flares that had been launched by vacationers caught in flood waters. The plane reported the site of the flares to police, who organized a search team.

They had set out in good weather for a jeep tour but became stranded because of sudden flash floods in the area. The Nature Reserves Authority reported that all of the travelers had been safely evacuated. *Itim*

'Suspicious' fire destroys Australia's largest synagogue

Jerusalem Post Staff

A FIRE which gutted Australia's largest synagogue at Bondi Junction in Sydney last night was considered suspicious according to a fire brigade spokesman, the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported this morning.

Fire officials have been unable to determine the cause of the blaze, but the fire moved quickly through the building and caused extensive damage.

Six children and two teachers were inside the Central Synagogue when the fire alarm sounded at around 6:20 p.m. They fled the building before it was engulfed in flames.

Cinders were thrown into the air as firefighters, on two extension ladders and a cherrypicker, tried to douse the flames. Despite their efforts, the roof collapsed.

Jewish leaders last night confirmed that the fire had destroyed Torah scrolls which had survived the Holocaust.

The chief minister of the Central Synagogue, Rabbi Selwyn Franklin, said the fire had burned all of the synagogue's 17 Torah scrolls, including 15 kept behind a fireproof shield. It could be several months before more of the scrolls can be sent from Israel, he added.

"We're totally devastated. It's a day of national mourning for the Jewish community and a tragedy," he said.

In 1991, five Sydney synagogues were subjects of arson attacks, and last year a New Town synagogue in Sydney's Inner West was destroyed by fire.

"I'm extremely upset to see this wonderful religious building going up in flames," Franklin said. "If this fire is an arson attack by a group of radicals, the Jewish community would be extremely and deeply concerned. No stone should be left unturned in finding the perpetrators."

Danes force German neo-Nazis to withdraw

COPENHAGEN (Reuter) – A group of German neo-Nazis abandoned their fortress-like headquarters in a Danish village yesterday, driven away by stone-throwing residents and anti-Nazi demonstrations.

Danish television news showed the neo-Nazis, who refused to talk to television crews, packing their belongings into cars inside the barbed-wire fences they had erected around the house in Kvaers, a village near the German border.

The middleman who had bought the house for the neo-Nazis had now put it up for sale, Danish radio said.

Danish media have reported that German neo-Nazi National Front leader Meinolf Schoenborn had bought the house in Kvaers to use as a base for printing and distributing propaganda.

Unlike Germany, Denmark does not have laws against disseminating extremist views.

Danish Justice Minister Erling Olsen told television news he would now consider a tightening of anti-racism laws.

"We still believe the truth is a more efficient weapon than a ban, but we do not want to undermine German democracy by allowing their neo-Nazis to operate here," Olsen said.

Olsen said he did not anticipate an all-out ban on Nazi organizations and views. "It is a tricky balancing act between freedom of speech and anti-racism. We'll find a way," he said.

Police arrested six demonstrators on Saturday during a 1,000-strong protest – residents of Kvaers and others who had gathered in the village – against the alleged printing works.

Several demonstrators were bitten by police dogs.

Trouble erupted anew during the night as residents threw stones at the building.

Residents of Kvaers, many of them with memories of Nazi Germany's occupation of Denmark between 1940-45, have been furious about the neo-Nazi center.

Danish daily *Politiken* reported on Saturday that the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles had material indicating that Schoenborn also planned to set up a training camp for young German neo-Nazis in Denmark.

Peres arrives in NY

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres arrived in New York yesterday to participate in the UN General Assembly session. During his visit he will meet the presidents of Mexico and Costa Rica, and the foreign ministers of more than 30 countries, including Russia, Egypt, China, Japan, Great Britain, and South Korea.

Rumor has it that he will also meet with representatives of several states with which Israel does not have diplomatic ties, such as Tunisia, Mauretania, Mali, Chad, and Tanzania. *Itim*

INTEREST

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inflation.

The fact interest rates on bonds sold in the capital market assume that inflation will hover around 15% in the coming year emphasizes the need for the central bank to tighten the money supply if those inflationary expectations are to change, he said.

Another element worrying central bank officials is the recent rapid growth in unlinked credit available to the public, which expanded by 5.7% in July, followed by 1.9% last month. It is rising at a much faster pace than the Consumer Price Index.

Although Frenkel termed the government's recent declarations against inflation "good news," he criticized several of its moves for going in the wrong direction. He took exception, in particular, to the fact that the government will soon present a supplementary budget. Even though the supplementary budget will not expand the deficit, it will increase government spending which will contribute to greater consumption, at a time when consumption should be curbed.

Frenkel hinted that the government's anti-inflation package is very limited, since inflationary items, such as the 10% wage increase in the public sector, could not be touched. He added that proposals to further open the local market to imports were important in their own right, but not as means to lower inflation.

He was also skeptical about the Treasury's proposed package deal with the Histadrut to reduce the next cost-of-living wage adjustment by more than 2%, and to cut the health tax by 1.5% and National Insurance Institute employee taxes by 0.5%, as a means to restrain private labor costs. Frenkel warned that the danger of these package deals is that they often turn into a "tranquilizer" which defers the problem and, worse, the solution. He also cautioned against tax cuts that will promote consumption by increasing individuals' disposable income.

The central bank's move will provide an incentive for greater savings and help rein in consumption, he said. He added that this is a most opportune time for hiking interest rates, as economic activity is very high, unemployment is low, and there is nothing in the horizon that is about to stop the consumption boom in its tracks.

Frenkel admitted that the "crawling peg" exchange rate system which assumes an annual inflation rate of 8% does not correspond to existing reality. However, the policy of the government and the central bank is to bring inflation down to the exchange system's range, rather than change the devaluation rate and thereby declare that we are willing to live with 14.5% inflation.

On Thursday, the Bank of Israel will cut 15 quotas of NIS 230m. each for credit it provides commercial banks at interest levels of 13.3% to 14.7%, bringing up the interest floor by 1.5% to 14.8%.

At the same time, it will add 15 credit quotas at interest levels of 16% to 17.4%. In addition, it will raise the interest it pays banks for their reserve deposits to 14.3% from 12.8%.

The Bank of Israel also announced it will make available four weekly tenders of NIS 6b. each next month. It will continue offering weekly tenders of NIS 450m. to the public for credit over a four-week period.

LITHUANIAN

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war criminals.

Approximately 220,000 Lithuanian Jews were killed in the Holocaust, and according to a historian studying the period, most were killed by Lithuanians, not Germans.

Officials say privately that Lithuanian Prime Minister Agirdas Sleziazicius, who arrives Sunday, cannot be blamed, since the problem is an Israeli one.

"Nobody thought about how this panel would be funded. We are not talking about millions, but rather a few tens of thousands of dollars. Why doesn't Justice Minister David Liba'i or the Knesset talk to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and ask for money for such an important project?" asked Meron Gordon, head of the Foreign Ministry's Eastern Europe One division.

"The Foreign Ministry pushed the Justice Ministry to act, but now, unfortunately, it is out of our hands. You would think for such a worthy cause money could be found," he said.

But Justice Ministry spokeswoman Elana Levjan blamed the Foreign Ministry and said Liba'i did not even know a problem existed. "The minister said this is the first he has heard that the Justice Ministry has been asked to fund this. The Foreign Ministry had a representative at the first meeting, but since then, we have never heard from them. If the Foreign Ministry wants, we can both appeal for funding from the Finance Ministry."

Zuroff said information independently gathered suggests there are already 40 known cases of people who murdered Jews and have been exonerated by the Lithuanian government. He did not say whether Lithuania included such people deliberately or mistakenly, but the mere fact of their appearance necessitates a broader investigation.

He indicated that those who were exonerated won compensation equivalent to almost two years' annual salary, and regained the property confiscated from them by the Soviets.

Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss sent a three-man panel to meet with Lithuanian authorities last summer and to seek access the files of the 35,000. Zuroff and Prof. Dov Levin, a Hebrew University historian and author of an upcoming book on Lithuanian Jewry – who were joined by former justice minister MK Dan Meridor – both said they won a verbal assurance to open the files from Lithuanian President Brazauskas.

"Nine of every 10 people who killed Jews in Lithuania during the Holocaust were local Lithuanians," Levin declared. "There were 220,000 Jews killed, or 94% of the population. There were some Lithuanians who were pure angels, who saved Jews, but they were few.

"The time has come to tell the truth. Thousands of Lithuanians were involved in the actual murder of Jews. In at least 40 villages, they killed Jews before the Germans even arrived. Killings happened in about 200 cities, towns, and villages. Many, many others were so hostile that it legitimized the murders. Virtually the whole country was involved in creating this anti-Jewish climate."

Apart from Lithuanians who killed local Jews, a Lithuanian murder squad known as the 12th Battalion Police went to Byelorussia and, with another group, killed about 15,000 Jews, according to Levin.

Aliozias Judoes, among those rehabilitated by the Lithuanian authorities, confessed in a Soviet court that his battalion, in one day, killed 700-1,000 people in a village near Minsk.

Ignas Asaduskas, exonerated, reportedly said he supervised the killing of nearly 200 Jews in the village of Oran in 1941. Julius Nevera, rehabilitated, reportedly was involved in the killing of closed to 800 Russians, mostly Jews.

While Levin noted that Lithuanian leaders recently publicly denounced those who murdered people, he charged it tried to play down the number of individuals directly or indirectly involved. It did not issue a collective apology the way Polish President Lech Walesa did in his address to the Knesset several years ago.

"What they said on television was something, but not enough," Levin said. "They need the courage to tell the whole truth. This is not honorable for a country that is seeking to reestablish itself. They have to tell their young generation what really happened."

STRIKER

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al weakness and are determined to continue our hunger strike, for as long as it takes," said Heitner.

More than 163,000 people have visited the protest tent at Gamla since the hunger strike began two weeks ago, and more are expected to flock to the site in the coming days.

Earlier, at the meeting between the MKs and the hunger strikers, one of the visitors, Labor MK Avi Yehezkel, pledged to submit a motion in the Knesset calling for a referendum within two months.

Yehezkel said he was determined to go ahead with his planned move and would break party discipline on the issue if necessary.

He said the future of the Golan was a "matter of conscience" which was above party politics. If necessary, he said, he would vote with the opposition on the issue of an immediate referendum.

Bar-Lev, who spoke at the meeting before his collapse, said that if Rabin issued a public statement to the effect that a referendum would be held before the end of the year, the hunger strikers would be prepared to end their protest.

After being rushed to the hospital, Bar-Lev was given several infusions and was allowed to return to his Katzrin home to rest and recuperate.

He told *The Jerusalem Post*, however, that he intends to return to the protest tent and resume his hunger strike.

During the course of the day, Trade and Industry Minister Micha Harish also visited the hunger strikers, but was escorted in via a side entrance to avoid any violent disruptions as occurred when other Labor MKs visited the site last week.

He was taken into one of the caravans on the site and met with the hunger strikers, before leaving by the same "secret" route.

Meanwhile, Meretz is to lead a tractor convoy through the Golan Heights tomorrow as part of its "Peace Succa" campaign. At the end of the route, Meretz MKs and activists will send a message of peace to Syrian President Hafez Assad via air balloons. The letter to Assad will also be relayed via the Egyptian ambassador here.

The movement set up a succa at the Golani junction during Succot which was visited by thousands of people.

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Hapoel Haifa breaks into win column

JOEL GORDIN

HAPOEL Haifa broke the ice last night, winning for the first time this season, a 93-83 home basketball victory over Hapoel Givatayim in the National League's fourth round.

Haifa built up a nine-point lead in the early going of the first half, thanks mainly to outstanding shooting from Michael Kennedy. But then the visitors' defense tightened with some excellent rebounding and steals from Yuval Ashkenazi, and as the halftime buzzer sounded, Givatayim had established a 48-42 lead.

In the second half, Kennedy slowed down to a crawl and Givatayim put on a massive offensive display to forge ahead by 11 points.

Then Haifa coach Ronnie Kahana replaced Lazy Gordon and Shimon Amsalem with reserves Danny Alush and Sam Steeler and the gamble paid off. Alush hit a mighty 25 points, Steeler had 11 and Haifa cruised to a 10-point win.

For Givatayim, who has yet to notch a league win, Jerome Batiste sank 21, Keith Bennett 16, Gary Plummer 15. Other scorers for the winners were Kennedy who netted 19 (16 in the first half) and Dennis Williams 11.

Hap Eilat 78, Mac RG 74

The first half was a see-saw affair. Eilat went ahead at the start but lost the lead due to missed shots and sloppy passing. Host Ramat Gan led 42-39 at halftime. Eilat held a narrow lead for most of the second half thanks to improved defense and fine shooting by veteran Ari Rosenberg.

Ramat Gan made strong attempts to recoup towards the end but the younger players, notably Yaron Lahat and Gur Shelef, made careless errors at crucial moments.

For Eilat, Rosenberg scored 16, Andrew Kennedy 15 and Brian Rowson 15. For the losers, John Eubanks hit a massive 38, Lamont Strothers 17, Shelef 12.

Maccabi Rishon 93, Hapoel Holon 88

Visitors Rishon led throughout the high-scoring first half (50-47), but their two principal assets, Americans James Gully and Gerald Paddio slowed down after halftime.

At the same time, Holon's David Thirdkill and Adi Gordon played some good ball and Holon evened the score at 83. However in the vital last minute, Thirdkill missed crucial free throws, while Rishon's Tomer Karni scored four successive points exactly when most needed.

Bnei Herzliya 92, Mac Jerusalem 85

The first half was evenly matched with visiting Herzliya taking a slight advantage at halftime (56-55).

Herzliya continued to forge ahead after the break and was six points up at one stage. Jerusalem, however, did not give up easily and only lost in the cliff-hanging final minute as a result of mistakes by the inexperienced Avner Saben and Dror Cohen.

For Herzliya, Paul Thompson scored 28, Amir Katz 26 and John Hudson 21. For Jerusalem, Joe Dawson sank 25, Calvin Holmes 20 and Cohen 11.

The results of games played on Saturday night were: Hapoel Galil Elyon 83, Maccabi Tel Aviv 70; Hapoel Gvat 94, Hapoel Jerusalem 80; Hapoel Tel Aviv 161, Betar Ramat Gan 50.

This week, seven local teams go into action in European contests with only Hapoel Tel Aviv playing at home. Tomorrow – European Cup (second round, first leg) Hapoel Jerusalem v Kovesa (Lithuania). Wednesday – Korac Cup (second round, first leg) Hapoel Eilat v Ostend (Belgium), Bnei Herzliya v USK Prague, Maccabi Rishon Lezion v Maribor (Lithuania) and Hapoel Galil Elyon v Koper (Slovenia). Thursday – European Club Championship (second round, first leg) Hapoel Tel Aviv v POAK Salonika at Ussishkin and Maccabi Tel Aviv v Bellinzona (Switzerland).

	W	L	Pts.
1. Maccabi Rishon	4	0	8
2. Maccabi Tel Aviv	3	1	7
Hapoel Tel Aviv	3	1	7
Bnei Herzliya	3	1	7
Hapoel Galil Elyon	3	1	7
6. Hapoel Holon	2	2	6
Hapoel Jerusalem	2	2	6
Maccabi Ramat Gan	2	2	6
Hapoel Gvat	2	2	6
Hapoel Eilat	2	2	6
11. Maccabi Jerusalem	1	3	5
Hapoel Haifa	1	3	5
13. Hapoel Givatayim	0	4	4
Betar Ramat Gan	0	4	4

Belgians win as injury halts Mansdorf

ORI LEWIS

OVERCOME by fatigue and muscle cramps, Amos Mansdorf retired in the final set of his match against Filip Dewulf, thus giving Belgium victory with an unassailable 3-1 lead in their Davis Cup World group promotion/relegation playoff at Ramat Hasharon yesterday.

Gilad Bloom later reduced the arrears with a 6-1, 1-6, 6-2 win over fellow-No. 2 player Christof van Garsse in the final dead rubber.

It could have been very different, however.

Mansdorf was just one point away in the fourth set from winning the match and sending the tie into a deciding fifth rubber, but that lone match-point was as close as he was going to get before the younger, fitter Dewulf recovered to level the match at two sets apiece and then win the first game of the final set as Mansdorf decided he could endure no more.

The final scoreline was 1-6, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, 1-0 (retired) in favor of Dewulf. Mansdorf was in great pain and he repeatedly told captain Shlomo Glickstein that he could not continue.

The telling signs began in the seventh game of the fourth set when he began to feel the dehydration and fatigue. But it was only in the next game, with the Israeli serving that his wrist gave out.

At that point even the crowd began to realize that the situation had become critical. The Israeli No. 1, upon whom all home hopes rested, seemed unable to deliver even an overhead serve. But he plugged on bravely.

Mansdorf suffered another leg cramp in the post-match press conference, and a doctor had to be called to help him relieve his agony.

The day started out well for Israel, with Mansdorf racing through the first set before Dewulf had even settled in. But as the match wore on, the Belgian No. 1 gained his composure and his baseline game began to click.

The second set saw Dewulf get back into the match and play a very effective baseline game. He ran Mansdorf from side to side and hit winners when Mansdorf was left stranded.

The third set saw the Israeli No. 1 back in command with a more aggressive game, combined with many errors from Dewulf and all looked set for an epic fifth rubber as Mansdorf won the set 6-3.

At this stage, Mansdorf was clearly the better player and although he was neck-and-neck with Dewulf in the fourth set, it appeared as if he would definitely pull out the big points when it was time to move in for the kill. But at that moment, the physical element took over and Mansdorf was left helpless.

"There is no excuse, I am simply not fit, I should not have played the doubles," Mansdorf said later.

He explained that he thought captain Shlomo Glickstein should have allowed the youngsters in the side – Eyal Ran and Eyal Erlich – to play and let him concentrate on the singles matches.

Mansdorf has talked about retirement recently and reiterated yesterday that he will stop playing full-time at the end of the year. He also said that it could be time for sweeping changes in the Davis Cup team.

Glickstein defended his decision to play Mansdorf in the doubles, however. "I don't think I was wrong to name Amos in the doubles. He is not as fit as he used to be anyway and he might have cramped up even if he had not played on Saturday."

Mansdorf's insults against the umpire on Saturday, when he complained that "we were screwed," earned Israel a $3,000 fine for verbal abuse. Bloom was fined $500 for breaking his racket on the court in anger.

While the Belgians look forward to a bright future in the World Group, Israel must now contemplate their rebuilding program in the Euro/African zone and Glickstein has promised that he will have new faces on the team before Israel's next tie.

Bet. J'lem fire manager Lefkowitz

ORI LEWIS

AMATZIA Lefkowitz has become the first managerial casualty of the new soccer season.

The Betar Jerusalem manager was fired last night after a miserable first four rounds of the season in which the club is 0-2-2 and languishes at the bottom of the National League.

Betar, which has the most fanatical but also the most demanding and unforgiving supporters in the country, had put enormous pressure on the club's management to make a change.

Betar chairman Moshe Dadash and Lefkowitz met in Tel Aviv yesterday where they decided that the latter should leave the club. "It was a combination of outside pressures, inside pressures and incompatibility which made it impossible to continue," Lefkowitz said on Channel 1's Mabat last night.

Lefkowitz has been one of the most successful and respected coaches in the local game. He has won three championships, two with Hapoel Beersheba and one with Maccabi Haifa.

Lefkowitz, who in his playing days was a star performer for Hapoel Tel Aviv and the national team, was the first coach to bring a major trophy to Jerusalem when he coached Hapoel Jerusalem to a State Cup victory in 1973.

Dadash said that Yossi Mizrahi, Betar's former goalkeeper, will act as interim manager, and Uri Malmillian was named as a possible successor.

S. Africa returns to World Group; Sweden, Russia win

JAIPUR, India (AP) – South Africa returned to the World Group for the first time since being readmitted to the Davis Cup three years ago, getting a straight-set victory by Marcus Ondruska in the final reverse singles yesterday for a 3-2 triumph over India.

Ondruska beat Asif Ismail 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 for the winning point, but only after Leander Paes, ranked 150th by the ATP Tour, upset 14th-ranked Wayne Ferreira 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 earlier yesterday to tie the best-of-5 series at 2-2.

South Africa won the Davis Cup in 1974, ironically winning on a walkover past India, which refused to play the match because of South Africa's apartheid policies of racial separation.

South Africa was subsequently banned from the Davis Cup, and was only readmitted in 1991. It steadily has worked its way up through the zonal promotional process since, and yesterday's victory earned it a chance to compete with the elite 16 men's tennis playing nations for next year's Davis Cup.

The loss drops last year's semifinalists to zonal competition.

Sweden 3, USA 2

Magnus Larsson stunned Todd Martin 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 in Goteborg yesterday to clinch Sweden's victory in the semifinals. Larsson's win gave the Swedes a 3-2 triumph in the best-of-5 series and a berth against Russia in the finals December 2-4.

Sweden has won the Davis Cup four times, the last one in 1987, and also made four finals.

It was only the second time Sweden managed to rally after losing both opening singles matches in 61 years in the competition.

Earlier, Pete Sampras retired after the first set against Stefan Edberg because of a strained right hamstring, sending the semifinal into a fifth and decisive match.

Sampras' lost the first set 6-3 and then retired after his right knee was examined by the US team trainer.

Sampras decision to retire tied the score 2-2 in the best-of-5 series.

Edberg, who had split his previous 10 matches with Sampras, said he noticed that something was wrong with the American after four or five games.

"It's not fun to win this way," Edberg said.

Russia 4, Germany 1

Germany's future as a Davis Cup power looks bleak following its semifinal defeat by Russia in Hamburg yesterday. Disputes involving players and the federation are ripping the team apart.

Russia completed a 4-1 victory over the defending champion. Yevgeny Kafelnikov beat Michael Stich 7-5, 6-3, while Bernd Karbacher scored Germany's only point, beating Alexander Volkov 6-4, 6-1.

Russia had already made sure of reaching its first Davis Cup final by sweeping the opening singles and winning Saturday's doubles.

With Stich and Boris Becker, Germany would have one of the strongest teams in the world. Becker, however, has refused to play for Germany the last two years and Stich now says he too may quit.

"I will give the German Tennis Federation a list of things that have to be fulfilled, otherwise I won't play any more," Stich said.

Stich blasted German federation officials for what he said were inadequate security measures following a death threat he received before the match against Russia.

The death threat turned out to be a hoax. Stich said the man, who introduced himself as a Becker fan, called him back a day later to apologize, saying the threat was a joke.

The threat cast a cloud over the semifinal match at the Rothenbaum club, where Monica Seles was stabbed in the back in April 1993 by a spectator who jumped from the stands. Seles, then the top-ranked woman player in the world, has not played since.

Stich accused the federation of not taking the threat seriously.

Arsenal beats West Ham

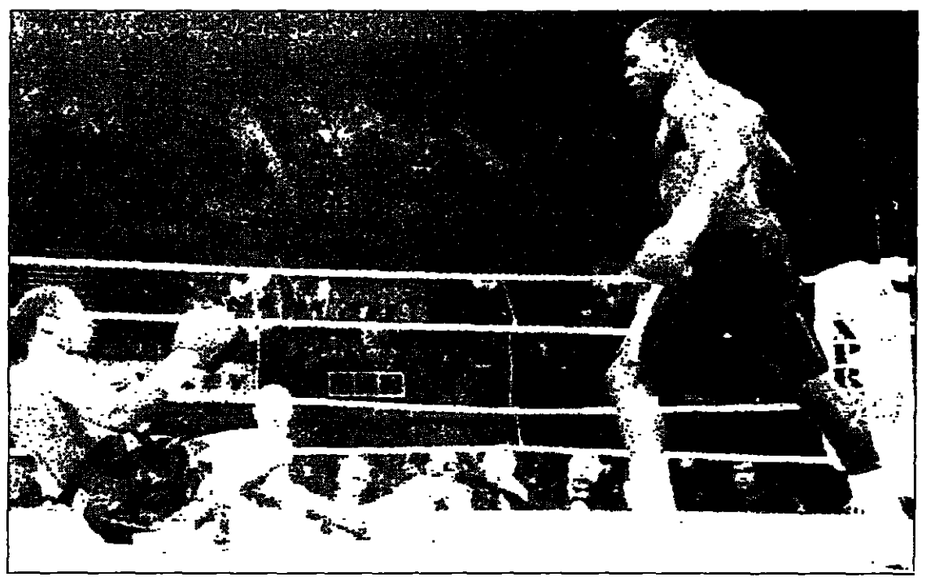
LONDON (Reuter) – England defender Tony Adams scored his third goal in three games to set Arsenal on the way to a 2-0 away win over fellow Londoners West Ham in the Premier League yesterday.

England striker Ian Wright netted the winner to bring Arsenal only its second league win of the season and subject struggling West Ham to its fourth defeat in seven premiership games.

West Ham left their best efforts until far too late when Don Hutchison missed with a free header and Lee Chapman forced a flying tip-over from England goalkeeper David Seaman, both in the last three minutes.

Seaman also had to save well at the foot of the post in the first half when Chapman, an Arsenal striker 10 years ago, attempted a spectacular overhead shot at the end of a frenzied goalmouth scramble.

But by then Adams had already put Arsenal in front with a typical header.



DOWN AND OUT – Lennox Lewis hits the canvas after a 2nd-round KO punch from Oliver McCall in the WBC Heavyweight Championship fight. (Reuter)

Lewis to protest WBC title loss

WEMBLEY (AP) – Protest or not, Lennox Lewis found himself on his back for the first time as a pro and saw his world heavyweight title slipping away.

The 29-year-old fighter, the first Briton this century to win the world title, was floored after only 31 seconds of the second round. He got up, but staggered into the arms of Mexican referee Lupe Garcia who called the fight over.

"It was a flash knockdown," Lewis said after Saturday's upset loss. "It was a quick right hand on his part just as I was trying to set him up for a right hand.

"As soon as I got back on my feet I put my hands up and the referee asked me if I was OK. I said 'Yes.' He just waved the fight off."

Lewis and his team are planning a protest when the WBC meets at Seville at the end of next month. They believe the WBC can order a rematch on the basis that it was a controversial ending.

But how did Lewis explain the fact that he was wobbling across the ring as soon as the referee spoke to him? "The referee was in front of my face," he said. "It was just as I was getting my feet straight."

Lewis, in his fourth defense, hoped the right would set up him up for a long-awaited clash with Riddick Bowe, the fighter who handed him the title by dropping the WBC belt in a garbage can.

Now he has to concentrate on the loss of his unbeaten record and the hope that his team can organize a rematch with McCall, who improved to 25-5-0.

Dan Duva, co-promoter of the fight at Wembley Arena, was confident of gaining the rematch. "This is not a four-round fighter from Liverpool. This is the heavyweight champion of the world," Duva said. "It was an outrageous decision for the referee to stop the fight."

Jose Suleiman, the WBC's president who also was at ringside, said it was seldom that the board of governors ordered a rematch.

"My own opinion was that Lennox was very hurt," Suleiman said. "And I was not as close as the referee."

NBA may join cousins with union troubles

CHICAGO (AP) – The NBA may follow the leads of baseball and the NHL by having work-stopping labor problems this season.

NBA players have been without a collective bargaining agreement since the end of last season, and no talks have been held.

"It is much too early to making any decisions about anything like that. We still have six weeks before the season starts," said Brian McIntyre, the NBA's vice president of public relations.

The Board of Governors meetings are scheduled to take place October 5 in New York, less than a month before the scheduled start of the season on November 4.

The last agreement between the league and its players expired after the 1993-94 season in June. There have been no negotiations while the players' lawyers pursue relief through the court system.

The players union filed suit in federal court seeking to overturn the NBA draft of college players, restrictions on free agency and the salary cap system, but the court refused to declare them invalid.

Charles Grantham, head of the NBA Players Association, said he, too, has heard talk of a lockout by the league. "We've told the players, 'At some point, ownership will test your resolve, whether you're complacent because you're making so much money, that you don't care and, once they lock you out, you'll come running back in,'" Grantham said.

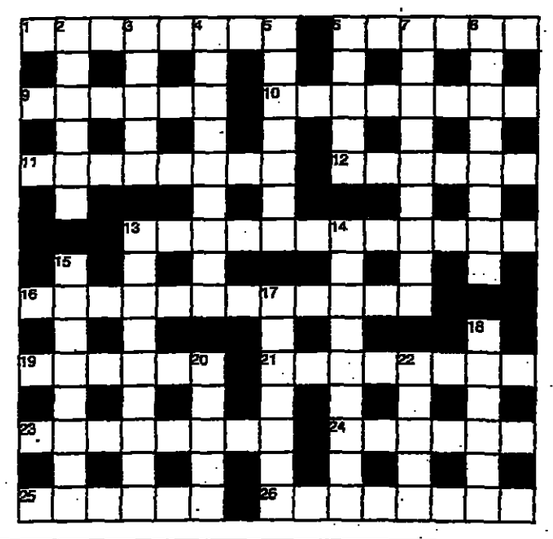
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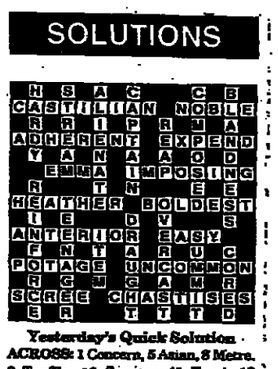
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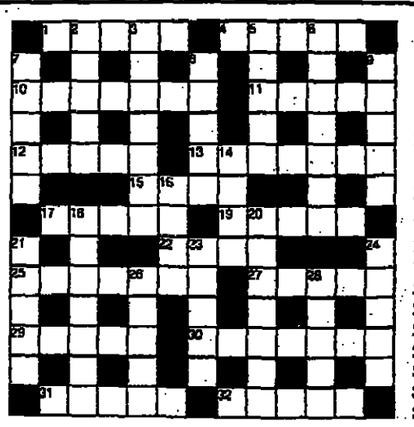
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ACROSS

1 Gorse (5)
4 Sober (5)
10 Gleam (7)
11 Songster (5)
12 Tight (5)
13 Thrown out (7)
15 Belt (4)
17 Attach (5)
19 Rustle (5)
22 Solemn promise (4)
25 Stranded (7)
27 Suffer (5)
29 Rigid (5)
30 North Star (7)
31 Join (5)
32 Pass out (5)

DOWN

2 League (5)
3 African river (7)
5 Conical tent (5)
6 Incentive (7)
7 Gemstone (5)
8 Groom (5)
9 Den (5)
14 Pleasantry (4)
16 Oxfordshire (4)
18 Exotic (7)
20 Finger inflammation (7)
21 Corkwood (5)
23 Adjust (5)
24 Rind (5)
26 Unwell (5)
28 Rare object (5)

Colorado upsets Michigan with wild pass

ANN ARBOR (AP) – A miracle pass gave the Colorado Buffaloes a miracle win.

Kordell Stewart put himself in a class with Doug Flutie on Saturday, hitting Michael Westbrook with a 64-yard TD pass after a cluster of Michigan defenders and Colorado players tipped it into Westbrook's outstretched arms.

It was the final play of the game, and it gave the seventh-ranked Buffaloes a 27-26 upset of fourth-ranked Michigan.

"I figured it's 50-50," Stewart said. "I just heaved it up."

Not since Flutie's incredible last-second 48-yard pass that lifted Boston College over Miami in 1984 has a big-time college game been decided in such dramatic fashion.

Leading 26-14, Michigan (2-1) looked firmly in control. But Colorado (3-0) scored twice in the final 2:16 for the victory.

First, Rashaan Salaam's 1-yard TD run made it 26-21. The Buffaloes tried an onside kick that Michigan recovered. But Colorado held the Wolverines and regained possession at its own 15 with 14 seconds left.

Then, with 6 seconds remaining and Colorado on its own 36, Stewart dropped back and heaved a long pass toward the Michigan goal line. Westbrook grabbed it over the shoulder of a Michigan defender.

"I was just thinking, 'I've got to catch this ball,'" Westbrook said. "That was the only thing going through my mind."

No. 2 Nebraska 70, Pacific 21

Backup quarterback Brook Berringer threw for three touchdowns and ran for another against outmanned visiting Pacific (2-2).

Taking over after Tommie Frazier led the Cornhuskers' first two scoring drives, Berringer ran 6 yards for a TD, then threw scoring passes of 15, 46 and 18 yards.

Nebraska led 49-0 at halftime, tying a 1988 school record for most points in a half.

(5) Penn State 55, Rutgers 27

Ki-Jana Carter ran for three touchdowns and Kerry Collins threw for two more.

Carter had 122 yards on 15 carries, and Collins was 14-of-16 for 328 yards.

Rutgers (2-2) gave the host Nittany Lions (4-0) a close game after three blowouts, pulling within one touchdown late in the first half.

(17) Washington 38, (6) Miami 20

Miami (2-1) led 14-3 at halftime before the visiting Huskies (2-1) scored on Damon Huard's 75-yard screen pass to Richard Thomas. Russell Hairston's 34-yard interception return and a fumble recovery in the first five minutes of the second half.

(8) Arizona 34, Stanford 10

The visiting Wildcats sacked Stanford quarterback Steve Stenstrom six times and forced two interceptions and a fumble that led to 21 points.

Ontiwaun Carter ran for touchdowns of 10 and 3 yards for Arizona.

Stenstrom's 3-yard TD pass late in the first half gave him 61 touchdown passes, second in Pac-10 history to John Elway's 77.

(9) Notre Dame 39, Purdue 21

Randy Kinder and Ray Zellers both had career-high rushing days for the host Irish (3-1).

Kinder gained 143 yards and scored twice, while Zellers added 156 yards, including a 62 TD run.

(10) Auburn 38, East Tennessee State 0

The host Tigers (4-0) extended the nation's longest Division I winning streak to 15 games at the expense of the Div. I-AA Buccaneers (3-1).

Stephen Davis rushed for 120 yards and two touchdowns, and Frank Sander caught a career-high eight passes, one for a TD, in the first half.

(11) Alabama 20, Tulane 10

Visiting Tulane (1-3) held the Crimson Tide (4-0) without a touchdown until late in the third quarter, when Brian Steger scored on a 16-yard to break a 10-10 tie.

Sherman Williams rushed for a career-high 191 yards on 31 carries. He accounted for nearly half of Alabama's 389 yards.

(12) Texas A & M 41, S. Mississippi 17

Leeland McElroy returned the opening kickoff 100 yards, and the Aggies (3-0) won their 22nd consecutive game at Kyle Field, now the nation's longest home streak. McElroy also scored a fourth-quarter touchdown.

(16) Wisconsin 62, (25) Indiana 13

Darrell Bevell opened the game 13-of-13 and the host Badgers scored on their first seven possessions.

Rebounding from their loss at Colorado, Bevell threw for 184 yards and three TDs as Wisconsin (2-1) jumped out to a 41-0 lead.

(20) Ohio State 52, Houston 0

The host Buckeyes (3-1) handed Houston its second consecutive shutout.

The Cougars, who averaged 54 points a game five years ago with Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware at quarterback, have scored 20 points in four losses this season while giving up 135 points.

Yaron makes bowls finals

SAM SKUDOWITZ

AMIR Yaron of Savyon became the second youngest player to reach a national singles final in lawn bowls last week, when he beat Chaim Sheffer of Haifa 21-13 at Ra'anana.

Sheffer, who earlier had two remarkable rounds beating internationals Jeff Rabkin and Cecil Bransky by identical scores of 21-9, could not cope with the immaculate drawing of the 17-year-old Yaron.

Ironically, his opponent in the final will be Lawrence Mendelsohn of Ra'anana who in 1979, at 14, became the youngest player ever to win the national singles.

Mendelsohn reached the finals by beating George Kaminsky of Kfar Hamaccabiah and Leon Blum of Ra'anana in and semifinals and quarters respectively.

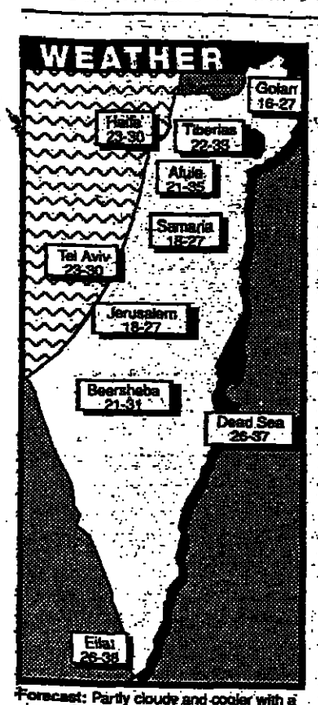
The women's singles will be contested by Maureen Hirschowitz and Miriam Jankelowitz, both of Ra'anana.

In the semifinals, Hirschowitz edged Helen Gordon of Ra'anana 21-15 while Jankelowitz beat Monica Menashe, also from Ra'anana, 21-4.

Both finals will be played tomorrow at 10:00 at Kfar Hamaccabiah.

The Sports Pages are edited by Joe Hoffman

WEATHER



Forecast: Partly cloudy and cooler with a chance for rain in the north.

Outlook for the Holiday: No change.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	12	54	22	72	clear
Berlin	12	54	22	72	clear
Buenos Aires	14	57	22	71	clear
Cairo	22	72	31	88	clear
Chicago	10	50	21	69	rain
Frankfurt	17	63	29	84	cloudy
Hong Kong	25	77	27	81	clear
Lisbon	20	68	25	76	clear
London	14	57	18	64	cloudy
Los Angeles	19	66	29	85	clear
Madrid	09	48	22	72	clear
Montreal	14	58	20	68	cloudy
Moscow	08	46	18	64	clear
New York	19	66	22	71	cloudy
Paris	14	57	22	72	clear
Rome	17	63	29	84	clear
Sydney	13	51	18	64	cloudy
Tokyo	20	68	25	77	cloudy
Toronto	16	60	19	66	cloudy
Vienna	16	61	25	77	clear

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

MONDAY

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Kupat Holim Clalit, Straus A, 3 Avigdori; 706660; Balsam, Salah a-Din, 272315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.
Tel Aviv: Lev Ha'ir, 69 Ahad Ha'am, 5603962; Benny, 174 Dizengoff, 5222386.
Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: Shoef, 78 Ahuza, Ra'anana, 981066.
Netanya: Hanassi, 36 Weizmann, 823839.
Krayot area: Merkaz Menahem, 92 Sd. Yerushalayim, Kiryat Yam Alef, 759441.
Haifa: Balfour, 7 Masada, 822289.
Herzliya: Clal Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 6 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzliya Pituah, 558472, 558407. Open 9 a.m. to midnight.
Upper Nazareth: Clal Pharm, Lev Ha'ir Mall, 570468. Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

DUTY HOSPITALS

Jerusalem: Hadassah Ein Kerem (internal, surgery, orthopedics); Misgav Ladach (obstetrics); Bikur Holim (pediatrics, ENT); Shaare Zedek (ophthalmology). In case of attempted resuscitation, snake bite or scorpion sting, go immediately to nearest hospital.
Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center (pediatrics), Ichilov (internal, surgery).
Netanya: Laniado.

TUESDAY

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: (day) Amone, 9 Leib Yaffe, 731901; (evening) Shaare Zedek Hospital, Bayit Vegan, 555502; (day and evening) Balsam, Salah a-Din, 272315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.
Tel Aviv: Shlomo Hamelech, 78 Shlomo Hamelech, 5246461; Sanitas, 83 Ibn Gvirol, 5246003.
Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: (day) Hasharon, 55 Derech Ramatayim, Hod Hasharon, 981081; (evening) Narkis, 8 Hativat Golani, Kfar Sava, 918248.
Netanya: Clal-Pharm, 60 Binyamin, 338091.
Krayot area: Niv Pharm, 13 Moshe Goshen, Kiryat Motzkin, 700715.
Haifa: Kiryat Eliezer, 6 Mayerhoff Sq., 511707.
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Netanya: Laniado.

POLICE 100
FIRST AID 101

Magen David Adom
In emergencies dial 101 (Hebrew) or 911 (English) in most parts of the country. In addition:

Ashdod* 551333	Karmiel* 988555
Ashkelon 551332	Kfar Sava* 902222
Bat Yam* 5511111	Kiron 9311111
Beersheba* 274767	K. Shmona* 944334
Bet Shemesh 523133	Nahariya* 912333
Dan Region* 5793333	Netanya* 823333
Eilat* 372333	Petah Tikva* 9311111
Hadera* 09-623333	Rehovot* 461333
Haifa* 512233	Rishon* 9642333
Hatzor* 920333	Safed 920333
Holon* 5511111	Tel Aviv* 5460111
Jerusalem* 523133	Tiberias* 790111

* Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) service in the area, around the clock.

Medical help for tourists (in English) 177-022-9110.
Eran—Emotional First Aid. Jerusalem 616303, Tel Aviv 5461111 (children/youth: 6961113), Haifa 672222, Beersheba 281128, Netanya 825110, Karmiel 9988410, Kfar Sava 974555, Hadera 346789.
Rape Crisis Center (24 hours), Tel Aviv 5234819, 5449191 (men), Jerusalem 514455, Haifa 660111, Eilat 31977.
The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-529205, for emergency calls 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.
Emergency dental clinic (24 hours) 02-832303.
Emergency dental clinic (24 hours inc. holidays) 03-6969840, 050-318777.

FIRE 102

FLIGHTS

24 Hours Flight Information Service: Arrivals only, 03-9731111 (Hebrew), 03-9731122 (English)

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE **Monday:** Kika 10 ★ **Tuesday:** Sweet Movie•The Third Man 8 ★ The Killing of a Star 10 G.G. Gil Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 Clear and Present Danger Mon. 1; Tue. 7:15, 10 ★ True Lies Mon. 1; Tue. 7:15, 10 ★ My Life Mon. 1: ★ Reality Bites Mon. 1; Tue. 7:15, 9:30 ★ Natural Born Killers Tue. 7:30, 10 ★ Thumbelina•Getting Even With Dad Mon. 1 ★ True Romance Tue. 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Flintstones Mon. 1 ★ The Client Mon. 1; Tue., 7, 9:45 ★ JERUSALEM THEATER Burnt Sun Tue., 8:30 ★ Rouge Tue. 7, 9:30 ORION OR 1-6 ☎ 252914 4 Shamai St. In the Name of the Father Tue., 7, 9:15 ★ Schindler's List Tue. 8:15 ★ Raining Stones Tue., 7:30, 9:30 ★ Maverick Tue. 7:15, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot The Lion King (English dialogue) Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:30, 9:45, 12 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman•Speed Tue. 7:15, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral Tue. 7:15, 7:30, 9:45, 12 ★ A Bronx Tale Mon. 9:45, 12:15; Tue. 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Mon. 11 a.m., 1; Tue. 11 a.m. ★ Monkey Trouble Mon. 11 a.m., 1; Tue. 11 a.m. ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 11 a.m., 1; Tue. 11 a.m., 7:15 ★ The Mask Mon. 11 a.m., 10, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 7:30, 9:45, 12

TEL AVIV
RAV-CHEN☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center When a Man Loves a Woman Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:15, 9:45, 12:15 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:30, 9:45, 12:15 ★ Speed Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:15, 9:45, 12:15 ★ A Baby's Day Out Mon. 11 a.m., 1, 10, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ The Mask Mon. 11 a.m., 1, 10, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:30, 9:45, 12 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Ace Ventura Mon. 11 a.m., 1; Tue. 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 DEKEL Speed Mon. 10 DIZENGOFF Dizengoff Center True Romance Mon. 11 a.m., 1:30, 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:30, 9:45 ★ Bleu Mon. 11 a.m.; Tue. 7:30 ★ Rouge Mon. 1:30; Tue. 9:45 ★ A Dangerous Woman Mon. 11 a.m., 1:30, 10; Tue. 9:45 ★ Baraka Mon. 12:15 a.m.; Tue. 7:30 DRIVE IN Ace Ventura weekdays 10 ★ Sex Film weekdays 12 midnight GAN HA'IR 71 Ibn Gabirol St. Kika Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:30, 9:45 GAT ☎ 6967888 26 Ibn Gabirol St. Four Weddings and a Funeral Mon. 10, 12:15; weekdays 2:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON ☎ 5236992 87 Ben Yehuda St. True Love weekdays 6, 8, 10 HAKOLNOA ZOA HOUSE ☎ 6959341 26 Ibn Gabirol St. Little Buddha Mon. 10; Tue. 7:15, 9:45 G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. The Client Mon. 9:45, 12:30; weekdays 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ Free Willy Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. 11:30 a.m., 2 ★ My Life Mon. 9:45, 12:30 weekdays 7:30, 10 ★ Getting Even With Dad Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 ★ Reality Bites Mon. 10, 12:30; weekdays 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Thumbelina Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. 11:30 a.m., 2 ★ The Flintstones Mon.-Tue. 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 Natural Born Killers Mon. 12 noon; 2:15, 10, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10 ★ Raining Stones Mon. 12:15, 2, 10, 12:30; Tue. 7:45, 10 ★ Go Fish Mon. 12 noon, 2, 12:30 a.m.; Tue. 8 ★ Naked Mon. 2, 10, 12:30; Tue. 10 ★ North Mon. 12 noon ★ The Hudsucker Proxy Mon. 10 MAXIM Dirk's Brother Mon. 10, 12; Tue. 7:30, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102574* Opera House Serial Mom Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Mask Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:30, 9:45 ★ Shadowlands Mon. 9:45, 12:15 ★ Short Cuts Mon. 10; Tue. 6, 9:30 ★ A Bronx Tale Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:15, 9:45 ★ A Baby's Day Out Tue. 7:30 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 ☎ 5271645 Kikar Namir Clear and Present Danger•In the Name of the Father Mon. 9:30, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10:15 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. The Client•Reality Bites Mon. 10, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10 ★ My Life Mon. 10, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181-65 Pinsker St. Tom Lies•Clear and Present Danger Mon. 9:30, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10:15 ★ The Client Mon. 9:45, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10:15 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard Nani Moretti's Diary•The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil Mon. 10; weekdays 5, 7:45, 10 ZAFON☎ 5443966 18 Louis Marshall St. Burnt Sun Mon. 10; Tue. 7, 9:45

HAIFA
ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 673003 Clear and Present Danger•True Lies Mon. 9:45, 12:15; Tue. 8:45, 9:30 ★ The Client•Beverly Hills Cop•True Romance Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7, 9:30 CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 My Life Mon. 10:15 ★ In the Name of the Father Mon. 10:15 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 Raining Stones 10:15; Tue. 7:30, 9:30 ORLY A Bronx Tale Mon., 10; Tue. 7, 9:15 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382620 Reality Bites•Clear and Present Danger Mon. 8, 10, 12:15 ★ The Flintstones•Getting Even With Dad•Thumbelina Mon., 11 a.m.; Tue. 11 a.m., 5 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 Four Weddings and a Funeral Mon. 10, 12:15 a.m.; Tue. 7, 9:30 ★ The Mask Mon. 10; Tue. 7; 9:30 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416899/8 Speed Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7, 9:30, 12 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ Ace Ventura Mon. 11 a.m., 10, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 7, 9:30 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman•Four Weddings and a Funeral Mon. 10, 12:30; Tue. 7, 9:30, 12 ★ A Bronx Tale Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ Blank Check Mon. 11 a.m. ★ Monkey Trouble Mon. 11 a.m., 1; Tue. 11 a.m. ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Mon. 11 a.m., 12:45; Tue. 11 a.m., 7 ★ The Client Mon. 9:45, 12:30 ★ Blank Check•Beethoven II Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. ★ Serial Mom weekdays 7:30, 9:30 ★ My Life Mon. 10, 12:30

ASHDOD
G.G. Gil. The Client Mon. 9:45, 12:30; Tue. 7:15, 10 ★ Getting Even With Dad Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. 11:30 a.m. ★ Clear and Present Danger Mon. 9:30, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10:15 ★ The Flintstones Tue. 11:30 a.m.; Mon., 11:30 a.m. ★ True Lies Mon. 11:30 a.m., 9:30, 12:30 a.m.; Tue. 7:30, 10:15 ★ Speed Mon. 11:30 a.m., 10, 12:15; Tue. 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman Mon. 9:30, 12:30 ★ Free Willy Mon. 11:30 a.m.

ASHKELON
G.G. Gil. Clear and Present Danger Mon. 9:30, 12:30 ★ Beethoven II Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. 11:30 a.m. ★ The Client Mon. 9:45, 12:30 ★ Free Willy Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. 11 a.m. ★ A Dangerous Woman Mon. 10, 12:30 ★ Getting Even With Dad•The Flintstones Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. 11:30 a.m. ★ My Life Mon. 10, 12:30 ★ True Lies Mon. 11:30 a.m., 9:30, 12:30; Tue. 11:30 a.m., 7:30, 10:15 RAV CHEN 1-5 ☎ 711223 When a Man Loves a Woman•Four Weddings and a Funeral Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ The Mask Mon. 11 a.m., 10, 12:15; Tue. 9:45 ★ Speed Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 11 a.m.; Tue. 7:30 ★ Monkey Trouble•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Mon. 11 a.m.

BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 True Lies Mon. 9:45, 12:30 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Client•True Romance Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ Clear and Present Danger Mon. 9:45, 12:15 ★ Speed Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 11 a.m.; Tue. 11 a.m., 7:15 ★ Blank Check•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) •Monkey Trouble•Sidekick Mon. 11 a.m.; Tue. 11 a.m. ★ The Mask Mon. 11 a.m., 10, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 7:30, 9:45

BEERSHEBA
G.G. ESHEL ☎ 274073 Getting Even With Dad Mon. 9:30 G.G. Gil. Clear and Present Danger Mon. 9:30, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10:15 ★ Thumbelina Mon., 11:30 a.m.; Tue., 11:30 a.m. ★ My Life•The Client Mon. 9:45, 12:30 ★ The Flintstones Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. 11:30 a.m. ★ True Lies Mon. 11:30 a.m., 9:30, 12:30; Tue. 11:30 a.m., 7:30, 10:15 ★ Free Willy Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. 11:30 a.m. RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ 235278 Four Weddings and a Funeral Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ The Mask Mon. 11 a.m., 10, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 7:30, 9:45 ★ Speed Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 7:30, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 11 a.m., Tue. 11 a.m., 7:30 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Mon. 11 a.m., Tue. 11 a.m.

DIMONA
HECHAL HATARBUT ☎ 559450 Ace Ventura Mon. 10; Tue. 9:30

HADERA
LEV 1-4 ☎ 343555 Clear and Present Danger Mon. 9:45, 12:30; Tue. 7:15, 10 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Tue. 11 a.m. ★ Baby's Day Out Tue. 11 a.m., 8; Mon., 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 4:15, 5, 6, 8 ★ Speed Mon. 10, 12:30 ★ Thumbelina (Hebrew dialogue) Tue. 11 a.m.; Mon. 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 4:15, 6 ★ True Lies Mon. 9:45, 12:30 ★ North Tue. 11 a.m.; Mon. 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 4:15, 6

HERZLIYA
COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 Rouge•The Hudsucker Proxy Mon. 10 STAR☎ 589068 29 Sokolov St. The Client Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 8, 10:15 ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 7:45; Tue. 11 a.m., 4:30, 6:15 ★ True Lies Mon. 9:45, 12:15; Tue. 7:30, 10:15; Thu. 7:30, 10 ★ Blank Check Mon. 7:45 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) Tue., 6 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Tue. 4:30 ★ Clear and Present Danger Mon. 7:30, 10, 12:30; Tue. 7:45, 10:30 ★ The Flintstones Tue. 11 a.m.

HOD HASHARON
MOFET Speed Mon., 10; Tue. 7:15, 9:30

KARMIEL
CINEMA 1-3 ☎ 887277 The Flintstones Mon. 11 a.m., 10; Tue. 7, 9:30 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman Mon. 10 ★ The Mask Mon. 11 a.m., 10; Tue., 9:30 ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 11 a.m.; Tue. 7

KFAR SAVA
G.G. Gil. Clear and Present Danger Mon. 9:30, 12:30; Tue. 7, 10, 12:15 ★ True Lies Mon. 11:30 a.m., 7:30, 10:15, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, 12:15 ★ Natural Born Killers Mon. 7, 9:45, 12:30 ★ Thumbelina Mon. 11:30 a.m. ★ The Client Mon. 9:45, 12:30; Tue. 7:15, 10, 12:30 ★ The Flintstones Mon. 11:30 a.m., 7:30, 10, 12:30; Tue. 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 10, 12:30 ★ The Lion King Mon. 11:30 a.m., 7:45; Tue. 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman Mon. 10, 12:30 ★ Reality Bites Mon. 7:45, 10, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10, 12:30 ★ Getting Even With Dad Mon. 11:30 a.m.

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 The Client•True Lies•Clear and Present Danger Mon. 11 a.m., 7, 9:30, 12; Tue. 11 a.m., 6:45, 9:15, 11:45 ★ The Flintstones Mon. 11 a.m., 7; Tue. 11 a.m. ★ My Life•Natural Born Killers Mon. 9:30, 12; Tue. 9:15, 11:45 ★ Reality Bites Mon. 7, 9:30, 12 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Mon. 7; Tue. 6:45 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) Mon. 11 a.m.; Tue. 11 a.m. ★ True Romance Mon. 9:30, 12; Tue. 6:45, 9:15, 11:45 ★ Getting Even With Dad•Free Willy•Blank Check Mon. 11 a.m., 7; Tue. 11 a.m., 6:45

KIRYAT MALACHI
HECHAL HATARBUT ☎ 580526 The Flintstones Tue. 8:15, 9:45

LOD
STAR Speed Mon. 7:45, 10, 12:15 ★ Free Willy Tue. 11 a.m., 1, 5; Mon., 11 a.m. ★ True Lies Mon. 7:30, 10, 12:30 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Tue. 11 a.m., 1, 5; Mon., 11 a.m. ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 7:45, 10; Tue. 11 a.m., 1, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 ★ Beverly Hills Cop Mon. 12:15 a.m.; Tue. 10:30

MIGDAL HA'EMEK
RAV CHEN Beverly Hills Cop•The Mask•Speed Mon. 10; Tue. 7, 9:30

NAHARIYA
HECHAL HATARBUT The Mask Mon. 11 a.m.; 10, 12

NESS ZIONA
G.G. Gil. 1-4 ☎ 404729 Clear and Present Danger Mon. 9:30, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10:15 ★ The Flintstones•Getting Even With Dad Mon. 11:30 a.m., 7:45 ★ My Life Mon. 7:45, 10, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10 ★ Thumbelina (Hebrew dialogue) Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue., 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ The Client Mon. 10, 12:30 ★ True Lies Mon. 11:30 a.m.;

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G.G. Gil. 1-5 ☎ 628452 Clear and Present Danger Mon. 9:30, 12:30 ★ Getting Even With Dad Mon. Tue. 11:30 a.m. ★ True Lies Mon. 11:30 a.m., 9:30, 12:30; Tue. 11:30, 7:15, 10 ★ My Life•Reality Bites Mon. 10, 12:30; Tue. 7:30, 10 ★ Thumbelina•The Flintstones Mon. Tue. 11:30 a.m. ★ The Client Mon. 9:45, 12:30 ★ Free Willy Mon. Tue. 11:30 a.m. RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 618570 When a Man Loves a Woman•Four Weddings and a Funeral Mon. 10, 12:15; weekdays 7:15, 9:45 ★ Speed Mon. 10, 12:15; weekdays 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Mask Mon. 11 a.m., 10, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Mon. 11 a.m., 12:45; Tue. 11 a.m., 1:45 ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 11 a.m.; Tue. 1; Tue. 11 a.m.

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PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 Clear and Present Danger•True Lies Mon. 9:30, 12:30 ★ The Mask•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Mon. 11:30 a.m. ★ Getting Even With Dad Mon. 11:30 a.m. ★ The Client Mon. 9:45, 12:30 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 Getting Even With Dad Tue. 7:45, 10

RA'ANANA
PARK Baby's Day Out Mon. 7:30, 10, 12; Tue. 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10, 12 ★ Clear and Present Danger•True Lies Mon. Tue. 7:30, 10, 12:30 ★ Speed•The Client Mon., Tue. 7:30, 10, 12:30 ★ The Mask Tue. 11 a.m., 5 ★ Blank Check•Thumbelina•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Mon., 11 a.m., 5

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RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 797121 Four Weddings and A Funeral•When a Man Loves a Woman Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ Speed Mon. 12:15 a.m.; Tue. 9:45, 12:15 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) Mon. 10 ★ My Life Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 9:45, 12:15 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Mon. 11 a.m., 12:45; Tue. 11 a.m., 5 ★ The Mask Mon. 11 a.m., 1; Tue. 11 a.m., 5, 7:30 ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 11 a.m., 1 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 Clear and Present Danger Mon. 9:45, 12:15 ★ The Client Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ True Lies Mon. 11 a.m., 9:45, 12:30; Tue. 7, 9:45 ★ The Flintstones•Monkey Trouble Mon. 11 a.m.

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV HAMEHUDASH The Flintstones Tue. 11 a.m. ★ True Lies Mon. 10, 12:30; Tue. 4:30, 7, 9:30

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HECHAL HATARBUT Blank Check Tue. 8:15, 9:45

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CHEN 1-4 ☎ 465979 When a Man Loves a Woman Mon. 9:30, 12:15; Tue. 7, 9:30, 12 ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 11 a.m.; Tue. 11 a.m., 5, 7:30 ★ The Client Mon. 11 a.m., 9:45, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45, 12 ★ The Lion King Mon. 11 a.m.; Tue., 11 a.m., 5 ★ Speed Mon. Tue. 9:45, 12 ★ Blank Check Mon. 11 a.m.; Tue. ★ Natural Born Killers Mon. 9:45, 12:15; Tue. 7, 9:45, 12

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RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 9670503/7 When a Man Loves a Woman Mon. 10, 12:15; Tue. 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Mask Mon. 11 a.m., 10, 12:15; Tue. 11 a.m., 7:30, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral•Speed Mon. 10, 12:15 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) Mon. 11 a.m., 12:45; Tue. 11 a.m. ★ Baby's Day Out Mon. 11 a.m., 1; Tue. 11 a.m. G.G. RON 1-3 ☎ 9662175 A Bronx Tale•Free Willy Tue. 9:30 HAZAHAV Natural Born Killers Mon., 7, 9:45, 12:30; Tue. 7, 10 ★ Thumbelina Mon. 11:30 a.m.; Tue. 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ My Life Mon. 10, 12:30 ★ The Flintstones Tue. 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ The Client Mon. 9:45, 12:30

MONDAY

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

8:30 News in Arabic **8:45** Cartoon **7:00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Art in the Western World – documentary series **8:30** Moomins **8:55** Surprise Train **9:15** The Elephant that Didn't Forget **9:25** Pretty Butterfly **9:50** Mrs. Pepper **10:00** The Three Great Fish – cartoon **10:25** Young Riders **11:10** Adventures of the Lucky One – adventure series **11:35** Cotton Connection – (part 5) **12:00** English – Seven in Heaven **13:00** Full House **13:30** Keep Fit **13:50** Film: Giulietta degli Spiriti – Story of a middle-aged woman going through a marriage crisis and her own mid-life crisis. Directed by Federico Fellini. (131 mins) **16:00** We're Here Singing – a look at musical events in the education system in June 1994

■ CHANNEL 1

ARABIC PROGRAMS
16:30 Phantom Tollbooth – cartoon film about a boy and his toy car that enter a world where numbers and letters fight **17:55** Places and People **18:15** News in English **18:30** Nature film **19:00** News in Arabic **19:30** A Different World

HEBREW PROGRAMS
20:00 News **20:20** From Tukul to Caravan – documentary on the Falash Mura – Jews who converted to Christianity in Ethiopia and are now waiting to immigrate to Israel **21:00** Gali Atari – songs and interviews **22:05** Film: The Naked Gun (1988) – Spoof of police TV serials has the most ridiculous police inspector and the men get into one funny situation after another. Starring Leslie Nielsen, George Kennedy. (82 mins) **23:30** Late-night news **23:35** John Williams Recital – the guitarist performs Bach, Vivaldi and Scarlatti from the palace of the King of Spain. (30 mins)

■ CHANNEL 2

14:05 Spending – consumer magazine **14:30** Mission Top Secret – adventure series **15:00** Yosef the Storyteller **15:30** Double Dare – game show **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** News **17:05** America's Funniest People **17:30** Dubele – game show **18:00** Candid Camera of the World – Filmed in Israel and in tourist cities around the world **19:30** Lingo – game show **20:00** News **20:10** Roots – special program for Simhat Torah with Yemenite singer Timna Brawer who now lives in Europe **21:10** Film: Three Men and a Little Lady (1990) – Continuation of the film *Three Men and a Baby* has the baby grown into a little lady. The three men do everything to keep her in their family when her mother gets a marriage proposal, lands an acting job in England and decides to take her daughter with her. Starring Ted Danson, Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg. (100 mins) **23:00** Logos – Israeli music from the Logos club in Tel Aviv

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17:00 French programs **18:30** News in French **19:00** News in Hebrew **19:15** Documentary **20:00** News in Arabic **20:30** Home Free **21:10** Galactic Odyssey **22:00** News in English **22:20** Matrix **23:15** No Job for a Lady

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

13:00 The 700 Club **13:55** Film: Goldy – Friendship between goldpanner, little girl and her pet bear. Starring Jessica Black, Jeff Richards **15:30** Mighty Mouse **15:55** Jonny Quest **16:20** Dangermouse **16:45** Superbook **17:10** Documentary **18:10** Rescue 911 **19:00** World News Tonight **19:30** CNN Headline News **20:00** The Cosby Show **20:30** Lois and Clark: The new adventures of Superman **21:20** Missing Persons **22:10** 700 Club **23:00** Special Programs

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■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Local broadcast **9:00** One Life to Live **9:45** The Young and the Restless **10:30** Guests in the Living Room **11:00** I Love Lucy **11:30** Antonella **12:15** Murphy Brown **12:45** Falcon Crest **13:30** Coach **14:00** Israeli Clips **14:10** Thirtysomething **15:00** Topaz **15:50** Knots Landing **16:40** Three's Company **17:05** Love Boat **17:55** Israeli Clips **18:05** One Life to Live **18:50** The Young and the Restless **19:30** Local broadcast **20:00** Extreme Close-Up – Hollywood Lovelives **20:50** 1994 Emmy Awards **22:30** TV Movie: Killing Mind (1990) **00:00** Local broadcast

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 To the Island (1992) (rpt) **12:30** Hollywood Canteen (1944) – during WWII Hollywood stars give their evenings to entertaining the troops **14:35** Shadow of a Doubt (1991) (rpt) **16:15** Bruce Lee, The Legend (1984) (rpt) **17:45** Never Never Land (1980) – enchanting children's drama about a lonely girl who dreams of Peter Pan and befriends an old lady. Starring Petula Clark, Kathleen Nesbitt and Heather Miller. Directed by Paul Annett **19:10** Stepping Out (1991) (rpt) **21:00** Beethoven (1992) – comedy about a family who adopt a cute little runaway puppy who grows into a giant slobbering St. Bernard. Starring Charles Grodin and Bonnie Hunt. Directed by Brian Levant (83 mins) **22:25** Those Bedroom Eyes (1992) (rpt) **23:55** Five Corners (1988) (rpt) **1:30** Lionheart (1981) (rpt) **3:10** 29th Street (1991) (rpt) **5:05** The Kid with 200 I.Q. (1983) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6:30 Cartoons **8:30** Cartoons **9:00** Surprise Garden **9:05** Sandokan **9:30** Dinosaur **10:05** Children of the Dog Star **10:30** We All Have Tales **11:00** Tales of the Brothers Grimm **11:30** Super Mario **12:00** Xuxa **12:30** Huckleberry Finn **13:30** Cartoons **14:00** Surprise Garden **14:05** Wild West C.O.W **14:30** Orson and Olivia **15:00** Anne of Green Gables **16:45** Stories to Remember **17:15** I'm Telling **17:40** Movie: Tadpole and the Whale (1989) **19:30** Neighbors **19:55** Married with Children **20:20** The Simpsons **20:45** All in the Family **21:10** Hunter

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Night Moves (1975) – psychological thriller starring Gene Hackman as a detective hired by an aging film star to track down her daughter (Melanie Griffith. Also starring Jennifer Warren. Directed by Arthur Penn (94 mins) **23:40** Jour de Fete (1949) – excellent Jacques Tati comedy about a village postman who sees a movie about the American postal service and decides to make the local service more efficient (75 mins)

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

11:00 Argentina's Stolen Children **12:00** The Killing Seas **13:00** Everest Sagarmtha 88 Open University: **14:00** Seeking Mount Sinai; **14:45** Five Minutes on Art and Artists; **14:50** Moshe Castel; **15:35** Lichtenstein in London **16:00** Peter Sellars – A Short Film about Love **17:05** Portrait of Dame Peggy Ashcroft **18:35** Open University (rpt of afternoon's programs) **20:35** Wild South **21:10** Twelfth Night – Kenneth Branagh directs the Renaissance Theatre Company

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Weekly Business **6:30** NBC News **7:00** ITN World News **7:15** Weekly Business **7:45** Strictly Business **8:00** ITN World News **8:15** Strictly Business **8:30** Inside Edition **9:00** Super Shop **10:00** Rolanda **11:00** Rivera Live **12:00** Today's Business **13:00** Today **15:00** First Person with Maria Shriver **16:00** Videofashion **16:30** To the Moon and Beyond **17:30** FT Business Tonight **18:00** Today **19:00** ITN World News Live **19:30** Tycoons **20:30** I Witness Video **21:30** Inside Edition **22:

High Court to rule on Haiti force legality

EVELYN GORDON

POLICEMEN will not be sent to Haiti until the High Court of Justice has ruled on the legality of the issue, the government promised yesterday.

The promise was made after the court, demanding clarifications on several matters, decided to hold a second hearing on a petition against the mission Thursday morning. The petition was filed by former Kach activist Noam Federman.

Federman argued that the mission violates the police ordinance, since this law authorizes the police to deal only with domestic issues.

In response, government attorney Arye Romanov tried to argue that the policemen were not being sent qua policemen; rather, they were volunteers who happened to be members of the police force. Whether to send such volunteers was a pure foreign policy question, Romanov argued, and as such was not subject to the court.

Justices Dov Levine, Yitzhak Zamir, and Theodor Orr agreed that sending true volunteers would be within the government's authority. However, they said, the government appeared to blurring the line between volunteers and acting policemen, and this might create a legal problem.

"On the face of it, it seems that sending a police force to Haiti is not within the police's authority," said Orr.

"You're creating a kind of androgyne here – a volunteer who is also a policemen," Levine said.

For instance, Romanov admitted that if the policemen were hurt in Haiti, they would receive compensation just as they would if injured in the line of duty here. When asked by the justices, he said he was not sure whether they would be liable to disciplinary action if they committed some disciplinary offense in Haiti.

Zamir said he was especially worried by the precedent this might set for "extra-curricular" police work within the country.

"This creates a precedent which raises important legal questions," he said. "[It might] be possible to use 'volunteer policemen' in Israel as well, to do jobs that are not within the police's authority. [If so], there would be no end to it – the police could do everything!"

For instance, he said, perhaps the government could use "volunteer policemen" to break up a strike.

The justices also blasted the government for not having bothered to investigate the legal issue, and to have the attorney-general prepare a legal opinion on whether new legislation was needed.

Romanov agreed that the court's questions would be discussed at Wednesday's cabinet meeting, which is supposed to issue the final okay on sending the force. He will then bring the government's responses to the hearing Thursday morning.

In the meantime, the force will not be despatched, he promised.

Federman said after the hearing that he is worried about two more general issues in addition to the strict legal issue he had raised in his petition: that sending Israeli forces to Haiti could create justification for sending international forces here, and that allowing the government to use "volunteers" for non-police work overseas could create a precedent for doing the same domestically.



Police drag Temple Mount Faithful leader Gershon Salomon away from the Mugrabi Gate yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Police drag Faithful from Temple Mount, after group demands to enter together

BILL HUTMAN and news agencies

POLICE dragged about 20 members of the extremist Temple Mount Faithful group from an entrance to the Mount yesterday, after they began a sit-in to protest being forbidden to enter as a group.

The group rejected the police demand they enter the Temple Mount only in pairs, and that group leader Gershon Salomon not go in at all.

"They are afraid there will be Arab violence if we should go up," Salomon said. "We decided not to go up in such a shameful way."

Police forced the Temple Mount Faithful members away from the Mugrabi Gate. The members then peacefully dispersed, after calling out slogan attacking the government and police.

"We did not want Solomon to go up for fear that it would result in violence," police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said.

He said a High Court decision last week gave police the authority to set the conditions for the Temple Mount Faithful, which calls for the removal of the mosques on the mount, entering the holy site.

Police were particularly concerned that unrest would break out after a Moslem leader on Friday called for Moslem youths to come to the Temple Mount and prevent the Temple Mount Faithful from entering, the spokesman said.

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Suspected Eilat killer turns himself in

BEN LEVY, 20, subject of a nationwide manhunt since the body of Shlomo "Momo the Knife" Kohana was discovered in his Eilat apartment on Saturday, turned himself in to the police Saturday night and confessed to the murder.

Accompanied by his father, Uri, – the two had been out on bail on charges of helping a man escape after an attempted bombing in Givatayim two months ago – he appeared at a police station in the Tel Aviv area and admitted stabbing Kohana. However, he claimed he was acting in self defense.

Ben Levy had been a guest at the Eilat apartment Kohana rented four months ago, and from evidence found at the scene, was a suspect in the murder. On Saturday evening, police contacted the elder Levy and asked him if his son had returned from Eilat yet. He replied that he hadn't, but said that when he did, he would recommend to him that he turn himself in.

At about 8:30 p.m., Uri Levy called the police and said that his son had returned from Eilat and the two were coming to the station. At about 9, they arrived.

Ben Levy told police that during a violent argument with Kohana, he had grabbed a kitchen knife and stabbed him several times in the chest.

Kohana was well known to the police, but apparently has been off drugs and uninvolved in crime for the past two years. (Itim)

'Police should not work outside the country'

ANALYSIS

EVELYN GORDON

THE problem of sending policemen to Haiti is more one of form than of substance, a legal commentator said yesterday.

Prof. Kenneth Mann, an expert in criminal law at Tel Aviv University's law school, said the problem with sending active members of the police force stems from the police ordinance, which includes a specific list of a policeman's tasks – all of which relate to problems within the country.

In addition to this list of specific tasks, there is a general clause saying that a policeman has every authority granted him "by any law." However, Mann said, there is no law, regulation, or judicial decision specifying police authority to perform their duties overseas.

"I think the argument that Israeli police, as police, should not work outside the country is a good argument, because the police force's mandate is basically domestic tasks," he said.

On the other hand, he said, the government does have administrative authority to deal with overseas affairs, and therefore it could send volunteers to join an international police force. It could also legitimately require these volunteers to have police experience.

The key, Mann said, is maintaining the separation between the volunteers and the actual police force. For instance, instead of being given compensation via the police force if they are injured in Haiti, the volunteers could be given compensation "equivalent to" that of a policeman injured in the line of duty. Similarly, he said, it is important that the head of the detachment, retired commander Gabi Amir, not be reinstated as an active police officer for his tour of duty in Haiti.

As long as this distinction is maintained, Mann said, he does not believe it creates any precedent for the use of "volunteer" police forces within the country.

"[The volunteers'] authority to act in a foreign country is coming from whatever international documents and international agreements [support the international force in Haiti]," he said.

Within Israel, however, a volunteer force would have no power to perform police duties unless the government gave it this power – and this would have to be done by legislation, he said.

If any government tried such a move, the court would certainly forbid it, he added.

Mann also said it was not surprising that the court had apparently decided the matter was justiciable, though it often refuses to interfere in foreign policy matters.

"It's not being asked to say that Israel can't send people," Mann explained, "[but whether] sending *policemen* violates local law. Any violation of *local* law, even if it serves a foreign policy end, is not likely to be considered outside the court's jurisdiction, unless the foreign policy consideration is really overwhelming."

Commission begins probe into Tel Aviv bank fire

THE special commission established to investigate Friday's fire at the Bank Leumi building in Tel Aviv, in which one woman was killed and 10 were hurt, began its work yesterday.

Meanwhile, Irma Tsarfati, 61, of Givatayim, who died in the fire, was buried yesterday. She had worked for almost 20 years at the bank, most recently as a senior secretary in the auditing department. She is survived by four children.

The commission is headed by Brig.-Gen. (res.) Zvi Oren, former OC Ordinance Corps, and includes safety engineer Shmuel Netanel and Ramat Gan fire chief Aharon Godinar.

Commission members visited the site of the fire at Yehuda Halevy and Nahalat Binyamin streets, and heard bank representatives detail work conditions and arrangements dealing with emergencies.

The commission members also plan to interview the injured parties, and the contractor and worker who were doing infrastructure work at the site and were using a burner from which a spark hit flammable material in a third-story kitchen, causing the fire to break out. (Itim)

Middle school teachers get 5% raise

Jerusalem Post Staff

SOME 4,000 middle school teachers will receive a 5 percent raise under an agreement reached yesterday between the Treasury and the Secondary School Teachers Association.

The wage hike was part of an understanding included in the August 31 agreement between the sides which had been left open to further negotiation.

The understanding was included in the agreement to avert a teachers' strike.

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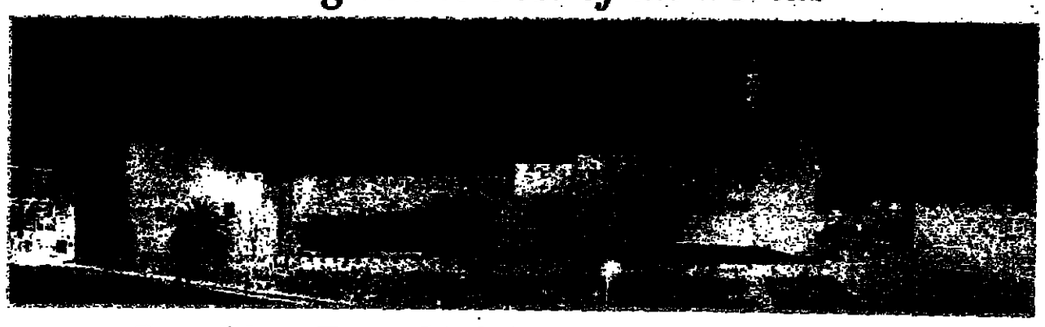
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